

Sixteen Boxers Selected to Compete for Lightweight Title in Elimination Tourney

List Includes Pick of Talent in Leonard's Class

Terris, Mandell, Dundee, Bernstein Among Outstanding Contenders—Benjamin, Seamon Alternates.

By Associated Press.
NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—The New York state athletic commission today announced the selection of 16 lightweight boxers to compete for the title vacated by Benny Leonard in an elimination tournament starting on February 22.

The outstanding contenders on the list include Sid Terris of New York and Sammy Mandell of Rockford, Ill., who meet in a 13-round bout at Madison Square Garden Friday; Sid Baraban, Detroit; Jack Bernstein, York, N. Y.; Johnny Dundee, New York, former featherweight champion, and Jimmy Goodrich, Buffalo.

Others selected are K. O. Clyde Jenks, Columbus, O.; Tommy O'Brien, Milwaukee; Eddie (Kid) Wagner and Alex Hart, both of Philadelphia; Joe Dundee and K. G. George, Chicago; Alvin Karpis, Baltimore; Charles O'Connell, Cleveland; Jack Silvers, California; Basil Gallano, New Orleans, and Benny Valzer, New York.

These selections represent the pick of American talent among contenders for the crown Leonard has forfeited, the winner of the tournament among American boxers will be pitted against the best foreign contender to determine which is entitled to championship recognition.

Four 10-round matches will be held February 23 at Madison Square Garden to inaugurate the tournament, according to the commission. Four other matches, completing the first round of the tournament, will be held the same week as headline bouts at smaller metropolitan clubs. The second round of eliminations among the eight survivors of the first round is scheduled for the week of March 9.

Two alternates were named to take the place of any of the regular selection unable to go into the tournament for any reason. They are Joe Benjamin of California and Solly Seamon of New York.

FREMONT LOSES TO BEE CAGE TEAM

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 3.—The Omaha Bee Carriers of Fremont defeated the Fremont Tribune Carriers in a basketball game here by the score of 25 to 24.

The Omaha Bee team is composed of Kaufman, Neibum, Peterson, Hine, Penninger and Coach Mystrick. The Fremont quintet is composed of Snider, London, Irland, Thomas and Krohn.

"RED" SMITH SIGNS WITH DENVER BEARS

"Red" Smith, catcher, has signed a contract to try out as one of the backstops for the Denver club of the Western league this coming season.

Denver purchased Smith from Toledo, but traded him to Wichita Falls, Tex., when Roche was awarded the Bears.

Bancroft Only Playing Manager in National

By Associated Press.
Dave Bancroft is the only playing manager in the National league and apparently will make his second try for a pennant with a squad that is little improved over that of last year.

Buckeyes Defeat Gophers.

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 2.—Powerful scoring Ohio State basket ball team strengthened its hold on second place in the Big Ten floor race by romping away with an easy 32 to 20 victory over Minnesota here tonight.

Doesn't Blame Jack for Deserting Ring

Mike Trant, Chicago detective, Jack Dempsey's pal and bodyguard in all of the champion's fights, today said that Dempsey's defeat of Willard does not blame the champion for considering retirement from the ring.

"Why shouldn't he quit?" Trant asks.

"Do you suppose I'd be chasing thieves if I had \$1,000,000? Certainly not."

"Well, no man with a million wants to get punched in the nose, either," Trant opines.

Pawnee City Pitching Ace Enters State of Matrimony

Pawnee City, Neb., Feb. 3.—Byron Johnson, southeastern Nebraska pitching ace, of Pawnee City, and Miss Nellie Miner of Pawnee City were married at Seneca, Kan., last Saturday. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buttner. Mrs. Johnson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Miner and is a graduate of the Pawnee City schools.

Sid Terris Injures Ankle in Workout

Sid Terris, New York lightweight, who meets Sammy Mandell of Rockford, Ill., in New York Friday night, wrenched his ankle while training yesterday, but continued his workout after having been attended by a physician.

Gopher Coach to Remain.

Minneapolis, Feb. 2.—William H. Spaulding, head football coach of the University of Minnesota, will remain in that position for the next two years, it was announced today when Spaulding accepted a renewal of his contract.

Indoor Sports

TALKING ABOUT THE MARRIAGE GAME FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE NEWLY WED WHO SITS IN THE ROW AHEAD.



YES SIR—MARRIED MEN ARE BECOMING AS SCARCE AS SACRED COWS—THEY'LL ONLY HAVE THEM IN MUSEUMS SOON.

YES SIR—A MAN NEEDS BE OFF HIS NUT TO GET MARRIED THESE DAYS—WHY IT'S 10 TO 1 HE'S KNOCKED OFF WITH A GUN OR POISON WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

YES AS MY PAL JACK WOULD SAY—THEY OUGHT TO HAVE A CLOSED SEASON FOR HUSBANDS THE SAME AS THE HAREM FOR DUAL.

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS THE WIFE USED TO KISS HER HUSBAND GOOD NIGHT—NOW SHE SHOOTS HIM ONE BITE.

MINNEAPOLIS MOCKING BIRD

BASEBALL OUTLOOK NOT BRIGHT FOR PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES

The Phillies finished seventh last season, but Fletcher believes he has assembled a squad for the 1925 race which will edge into first division.

The team has been handicapped by weak pitching.

Present indications are that Walter Holke will appear again at first base and Horace Ford is assured of his post at second, with Heinie Sand filling his accustomed position at shortstop. Third base is a question, with the prospect that Russell Wrightstone will be shifted to the outfield, leaving Huber and Kimmick to fight for the place.

Harry Harper will be in right field and Cy Williams, home-run hitter, expects to resume his duties in center. Wrightstone undoubtedly will play left.

Fletcher has a capable trio of catchers in Walter Henline, Jimmy Wilson and Lou Wendell and the pitchers remaining from the last campaign are Jimmy Ring, Charley Glazner, Johnny Couch, Joe Oeschger, Harold Carlson and Clarence Mitchell.

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Today's Entries

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Middling, 59 lbs, 1:58 1/2
Sprocket, 59 lbs, 1:58 1/2
Little Tokalon, 59 lbs, 1:58 1/2
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Paluso Defeats Cervantes

Salt Lake City, Feb. 2.—Low Paluso, Salt Lake junior lightweight, decisively defeated Noble Cervantes, Denver Mexican boxer, in 10 fast rounds here tonight. The Denver lad took a severe beating in the last few rounds, but after a few weeks ago Cervantes knocked out Paluso in six rounds.

Lee Fohl Will Take Thirty-Seven Players to Red Sox Training Camp

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Thirty-seven players constitute the squad that Manager Lee Fohl of the Boston Red Sox will have waiting out at New Orleans, where the spring training will be done. In common with the general cry for better pitching, a particular lack last season on the part of the Sox, 15 pitchers will be taken along.

The newcomers to the hurling squad embrace Rudolph Kallio, the right-hander bought from Salt Lake City; Joseph Lucey, bought from Jersey City; Fred Wingfield, from Chattanooga; Joseph Kiefer, from Day City; Charles Ruffing, from Dover; John Sweeney, who played with Hamilton, and Grand Rapids, last season; Harold Wiltsie, from Mobile, and four semi-pro slabsters: Patrick Noonan, whose home is in Pawtucket, R. I.; Harold Sherman of Carlington, O.; Charles Jamerson of Memphis and Louis Temple of Franklin, Pa.

Once Fohl, the southpaw, who played with the Sox a short time last season, has been recalled from San Antonio, John Woods, a right-hander, who came from Charleston, W. Va., last season, is still on the club.

The veterans are Howard Ehmke, the team's best bet as a pitcher; Alex Ferguson, Curtis Fullerton and John Quinn and, in a sense, Chester Ross, who was on the club last season.

Albert Stokes, obtained from Mobile, is the lone newcomer among the catchers, John Heving and Val Pinchuck being the other receivers.

At first glance the whole array on "taking pictures" seems nothing to start shouting about, but a number of the rookies were not with teams prominent in their respective leagues, while the Sox, as is well known, came a-cropper after going sensationally at the start of the season, mainly because of poor pitching.

Hawkeye Five to Play Road Series

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Iowa City, Ia., Feb. 2.—After losing a hair-raiser to the hard playing Indiana five Saturday, the Hawkeyes started training today to take a crack at Maury Kent's Northwestern cagers at Evanston this week-end, in the first game of a road trip that will take them to Bloomington for a second game with Coach Dean's Hoosiers two days later.

The Iowa team, led down the floor by Laude, got numerous shots at the basket against the Hoosiers Saturday night, but failure to take advantage of their many chances cost the Hawkeyes the game. After fighting their way to a 27 to 24 lead near the close of the tilt, Barry's men let down and the Hoosiers scored six points to Iowa's one in the final two minutes, giving the invaders a two-point advantage.

Says Dempsey Has Fought Last Bout for Kearns

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Regardless of whether his retirement is merely an expression of the prevailing mood in cauliflower-eaters, Jack Dempsey has fought his last battle, under the management of Jack Kearns.

This statement was made today, by way of confirmation of the reported estrangement between the pair, by a man distinctly on the "inside" of nearly every big bout in this country.

He then went on to elaborate upon his statement by telling of an incident that occurred when the champion and manager were last in the east. Dempsey, he said, was on his way past a famous restaurant in town when one of his party suggested going inside.

"Kearns is there," he explained. The champion's reply was to turn on his heel and walk in the opposite direction, after airing a few unflattering remarks about his manager, according to the story. It is believed that the gesture was the result of a passing grievance. Dempsey is not given to showing his resentment over trivial or temporary differences with members of his official staff.

Further significance is given the statement by the tone of Dempsey's recent announcement of his withdrawal from the ring. On that occasion, he made reference to Kearns as merely a business partner, never a friend. That remark came as a shock to those who have witnessed their amicable relations of nearly 10 years' standing.

Furthermore, no retraction followed it. Dempsey later saw fit to repudiate his decision in part by suggesting that he might make one more appearance in the ring, but he said nothing about Kearns nor did their stories bear the slightest suggestion of team work. While Dempsey was formally declaring himself for the simple life, Kearns steadfastly maintained that the thing was "bunk." Their respective statements hardly smacked of mutual understanding.

If Dempsey's retirement was merely a publicity dodge, Kearns would have been "yesing" him yet.

Then, also, there is the report of their hotel property in Los Angeles being up for sale. Neither of them are in immediate need of money; therefore, the action in question is interpreted as a desire to divorce their partnership.

The further fact that Kearns is said to be negotiating for another unpunched meal ticket in the person of Mickey Walker, welterweight champion, adds color to the estrangement story. Kearns has been after Walker for some time, but the latter would have none of it because he cared nothing about running second to Dempsey in managerial esteem.

If Walker really signs up with Kearns, as he is supposed to do with in a matter of weeks, the inference is broad that the Dempsey-Kearns combination is no more.

Scrambled Sports by 'WAG'

JAMES KILMERLIN, new boxing commissioner for Nebraska with offices in Omaha, when asked his program of administration said: "I'll enforce the boxing laws that seem to constitute the job."

Enforcing the boxing laws in Nebraska, especially Omaha, is a big job, and one that never has been fully and thoughtfully done. Mr. Kilmerlin was boxing inspector for Omaha during the first year the game was legalized in Nebraska, so he isn't entering upon his new duties fully conversant with what he should do.

Kilmerlin is a Berlin man. He was appointed by Governor McNebraska of Nebraska as well as in-charge here in Omaha. His office will be located in Omaha. The revenue has been having matters from the department of agriculture and will be a separate bureau which will be in charge of the boxing laws in Nebraska. We hope so.

The new state boxing commissioner speaks through Kavan. Kavan's plan won't be bad. He did the best he knew how, in spite of the fact that many hands in the first year didn't help.

OMAHA BOWLERS WIN PRIZE MONEY

St. Louis, Ia., Feb. 2.—The final night's bowling in the interstate tournament here failed to replace any of the leaders. First place in the team event went to the Hotel Fort Des Moines five, with a total of 2,555 pins.

The Ak-Sar-Bens, Omaha, won second place, with a 2,840 total. The Bidger Bodies No. 1, Omaha, got third money, with a 2,721 total, and the Hoffman-Crosby five, Omaha, took ninth money, with a score of 2,708.

Team Events.
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Ak-Sar-Bens, Omaha, 2,840
Bidger Bodies No. 1, Omaha, 2,721
Hoffman-Crosby, Omaha, 2,708
Perrazo Bros, Sioux City, 2,694

MAX FLACK SEEKS TO BE REINSTATED

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Max Flack, out-fighter with the St. Louis Cardinals, today filed application for reinstatement with Commissioner Ladd. He was sent to the Oakland (Cal.) club last season, but refused to report and was suspended.

Now that James Crawford, owner of the Tulsa Western league ball club, has selected his crack outfielder, Lyman Lamb, to manage the 1925 Oilers, fans are wondering just what sort of a manager little Lamb will turn out to be.

Lamb has an idea that Mr. Lyman Lamb will be the opposite with his ball players. Lyman is a well-liked chap by all who know him. He is said to know baseball inside and out, which is one of the big assets of a manager.

Lamb has played outfield for the Tulsa club for the past three years. Several of the players who were teammates of Lamb's last year will take orders from Lyman this coming season. That may or may not turn out to be the best interests of the club. Owner Crawford may have to make some changes in his club's lineup, although we doubt it, because Lamb is one of the most popular ball players in the league.

Lyman Lamb is a hustler and a good ball player. He will get all the baseball possible out of his players, don't forget that.

STRIBLING WINS BY KNOCKOUT

Columbus, Ga., Feb. 2.—Young Stribbling made his debut as a heavyweight here tonight when he knocked out Joe Burke of Detroit in the third round of a scheduled 10-round bout. The fatal punch came after two minutes of fighting in the third, when Stribbling sent a right hook to Burke's left jaw.

Just previous to the knockout the youngster floored his opponent for a count of five with a left hook to the right jaw. Stribbling weighed 175 and Burke 185 pounds.

SMITH, ALBERTS FIGHT DRAW

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 2.—Jimmy Smith, Marketed Tex. Ark., and Kid Alberts, St. Louis, fought a fast eight-round draw here tonight. The men are welterweights.

Hoxie Leads Golfers.

Pinehurst, N. C., Feb. 2.—A. M. Hoxie of Boston today led a field of more than 100 golfers in the qualifying round of the annual St. Valentine tournament here and won the medal with a card of 75. After taking 41 holes for the first nine holes, Hoxie came home in 34, including three birdies on the last three holes.

NURMI TO TRY FOR NEW MARKS

New York, Paavo Nurmi will attempt to erase the only remaining world's indoor record held outright by Jole Ray when the phantom Finn competes in a two-mile race featuring the Wilco A. A. games next Saturday night.

On the same track where Ray set his mark of 9:08.25 for two miles, Nurmi will endeavor to cover the distance in nine minutes flat, in addition to attempting to set three other new records at intermediate distances, one mile and three-quarters, 3,000 meters and one mile and seven-eighths. The latter records are now held by the Abo antelope.

Nurmi's failure to set any new records in two races last week was not due to sickness as reported, according to Hugo Quist, the Finn's trainer and adviser, but to a desire to conserve his energies. Paavo, he said, has had a cold for a week, but it is no worse than during the Millrose carnival, where Nurmi set three world's records.

BILL KAMM SAVES HIS COIN

Willie Kamm, former San Francisco Seal, now playing third base for the Chicago White Sox, is one ball player who may some day rival John D.

Kamm last year had \$17,500 saved from his baseball earnings. He invested it in bonds at the suggestion of Charley Graham, part owner of the Seal. He had another \$35,000 even if he never saves another cent.

At 35 Kamm will be worth \$35,000.

KANSAS DEFEATS SOONER SQUAD

Lawrence, Kan., Feb. 2.—The University of Kansas basket ball team increased its lead in the Missouri valley conference race here tonight by a victory over the University of Oklahoma quintet, 34 to 20. It was an easy game for the Jayhawks.

Coach Allen made frequent substitutions in the last few minutes of the game sent in a new lineup. Kansas now has won five games and lost one.

'STRANGLER' LEWIS TO WRESTLE MONDT

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Whether Ed (Strangler) Lewis, who still claims the world's heavyweight wrestling title is as good as he was before Wayne (Big) Munn defeated him in Kansas City recently will be determined at the Coliseum tonight when he meets Joe (Toots) Mondt, Montana cowboy.

BACON'S TEAM LEADS MUSHERS

The Mas, Man., Feb. 3.—Jack Bacon's team was leading in the 200-mile dog derby and passed the 42-mile mark on the Hudson Bay railway track at 2:25 p. m. today. There was no other team in sight at that time.

Molla Mallory Wins.

New York, Feb. 2.—Mrs. Molla Bjoerstedt Mallory, former national tennis champion and outstanding star of the field, was victorious today in the opening of play in the annual women's indoor invitation tournament at the Heights casino. She bombarded her way to easy triumph over Miss Jessie Gott of New York, 6-0, 6-1, in a second round match after drawing a bye in the first round.

Tremain Wins Decision.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 2.—Carl Tremain, Cleveland bantamweight, was awarded the judges decision tonight over Joe Nelson, Philadelphia, at the end of a 10-round bout. Tremain was the aggressor throughout. He weighed 120 1/2 pounds, 5 1/2 pounds less than Nelson.

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