

Romero to Make Initial Bow in American Ring Tonight Against Floyd Johnson

Chilean, in Workouts, Has Proven He Is Possessor of Good Left Hook to Body; Iowa Bulldog Aggressive

Victory for South American Means Meeting With Jack Renault — Johnson's Left May Beat Him.

By Damon Runyon.
NEW YORK, May 8.—The pugilistic world is deeply interested in an event that takes place at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night. This event is a fight between Floyd Johnson, "The Iowa Bulldog," and Quintin Romero-Rojas, the heavy-weight champion of Chile. The pugilistic world is wondering if in Quintin Romero-Rojas it has another Firpo, another Bonanza for promoters, another potential thrill.

Quintin Romero-Rojas can decisively defeat Johnson, it is easy to predict that he will be both bonanza and thrill. If he beats Johnson he is to immediately be matched with Jack Renault, the Canadian. If he could beat Renault, you will hear little further talk of a Dempsey-Wills match. It will be a Wills-Romero-Rojas match that will be greatly discussed.

But the first "if" in the path of the Chilean—the beating of Floyd Johnson—is something of an obstacle. "The Iowa Bulldog" is a big strong, courageous fellow, aggressive almost beyond discretion. He has a good left hand, and a good left hand means the weapon most likely to beat Romero-Rojas.

The writer watched the Chilean work out in Madison Square Garden gymnasium on two occasions. Romero-Rojas has a style that a good left hand should offset. Romero-Rojas came to America with a reputation as a good right hand puncher. In his workouts, his best attack seemed to be a left hook to the body. He is always throwing his left, only occasionally trying for a right cross to the head.

He appears to have a good defense for his own jaw. He keeps his hands up well. He is certainly faster than Luis Angel Firpo, has the appearance of a fighter. It is doubtful if he can punch as hard with his right hand as Firpo. Few men have ever lived who could punch as hard as Firpo. But Johnson, not hard to hit, always coming on, will at least give Romero-Rojas every opportunity to show his full punching power.

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Golf Course More Popular Than Diamond

By Associated Press.
VOLGA, S. D., May 7.—A nine-hole golf course, the newest in the state and said by residents of Volga to be one of two golf courses in the state supported by a town of fewer than 600 inhabitants, has succeeded the baseball diamond, the tennis courts and even the nearby lakes and the Sioux river as the recreation spot of residents here, and holds out prospect for the most skeptical that golf is no longer "a rich man's game."

The young men in the preliminaries tomorrow night. They are heavyweights, Frank Flournoy, match-maker of Madison Square Garden, arranging the card especially with a view to co-operating with the writer in his search for a trio of young heavyweights to take to England to meet Tom O'Rourke's "crusaders."

O'Rourke has three large young Englishmen under development, and has accepted a challenge from the writer to permit his youngsters to meet three American heavies of proportionately no greater experience in a tournament this summer.

Some of the young fellows in the preliminaries are little better than "raw hands," yet all are sponsored by managers of experience and judgment who think they have real good pugilistic prospects.

James J. Johnston, Leo P. Flynn and Jimmy Bronson are among these managers. They would scarcely waste their time on youngsters who seemed hopeless.

It is not the intention to select the three invaders from among the boxers of Friday night. These bouts are chiefly for the purpose of getting a good line on some of the leading prospects in competition—which is the only way you can get a line on them.

Gymnasium performances mean little. The greatest gymnasium performers are often the poorest fighters when they get in a ring.

Tourney to Be Held.
Later on a big tournament is to be held, to which the best of the prospects will be invited. Meantime, the preliminaries assist in determining who will be invited.

Baltimore may produce one of the three invaders. Maxey Waxman, well-known Baltimore promoter, a manager of Joe Dundee, a real good little fighter, called on the writer to announce that he has a heavyweight contender. His name is Tony Curtis, who has had little experience, but who is pronounced by Waxman, a good judge of boxers, an excellent prospect.

Also Capt. Charles J. Mabbitt, famous army officer, in charge of the army boxers in the Third corps area, who include Eddie Burnsbrook, the welterweight; Bobby Garcia, the featherweight, and many others, dropped in to announce an army possibility.

There is a full-blooded Chippewa Indian who will appear in the army Olympic tryouts next week. Captain Mabbitt, whose long string of army boxers speaks for his judgment of ringmen, thinks the Indian will make a great fighter.

Luis Angel Firpo took nearly \$400,000 out of this country, as a result of his pugilistic efforts. It took him about a year to gather this large amount, a fortune in any man's country. Another Firpo would do as well, perhaps better. But it may prove as difficult to produce another Firpo as another Babe Ruth.

The young idea, represented by one Washie, three years ago, got too well in the 16th inning, and the Giants followed with a 4-to-2 decision over the Phillies. Washie threw 2 seconds base as Brother Kelly thrashed him with the winning run.

Goes to Boston



Royal Coffman

ROYAL Coffman, Council Bluffs amateur lightweight fighter, flying the colors of the Omaha Athletic club in the finals of an amateur tournament in Kansas City Wednesday night, won over his opponent in easy manner, thus earning the right to compete in the grand finals for the Olympic boxing team which will be held in Boston in the near future.

Beatrice Wins Tristate Opener

Beatrice, Neb., May 8.—Playing between flurries of rain and in the face of a biting north wind, the Beatrice Blues annexed the opening game of the season from the Norfolk Elkhorns, 1 to 0, here today, in a hotly contested pitchers battle. Purdy brought in the only score of the game on Sugg's clean triple in the third.

Mike Senson, he of the sensational one-punch victory over Walker of the Kansas City Aggies Tuesday night, earned the right to enter the finals at Boston by out-punching Jim McVey, local featherweight in the curtain raiser.

Carl Kenny, K. C. A. C. bantam flash, further endeared himself to the local boxing public, by sending Edmond Fredericks, Omaha A. C. for the count after 65 minutes of milling in the initial stanza.

As K. O. featured the card the initial night, so four-round bouts, with close decisions marked the tournament finals.

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Royal Coffman, Omaha, eliminated a second St. Louis hope in the 135-pound class in a fast four-round scrap. Coffman was aggressive throughout, but a tantalizing left jab mixed with an occasional vicious right cross, made it an interesting contest throughout.

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John Wilcox, Oklahoma university hit Paul Elias, Columbus, Neb., with everything but the water bucket. In their three-round heavy-weight bout but was unable to put him away. He was an easy winner at the finish.

CREAM OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL TRACK ATHLETES WILL COMPETE IN TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEET

Preliminary Events for Field Are Scheduled for Saturday Morning and Finals in the Afternoon—Schools Will Be Divided Into Three Groups According to Size of Enrollment.

INCOLN, May 8.—The cream of Nebraska interscholastic track athletes will converge in Lincoln Saturday for the 22d Nebraska interscholastic track and field championships. The meet will be run off in the morning and afternoon, preliminaries in the field events being carded for the morning and finals in all events for the afternoon.

Schools are to be divided into three groups, according to size of enrollment. Nebraska high school records follow:

100-yard dash: 10:1.8 seconds, by Burns, '04; Widman, '04; Wood, '10; '11; Hollstein, '16; Noble, '18; Morrison, '19.
220-yard dash: 22:2.3 seconds, by Burns, '04.
440-yard dash: 52 seconds, by Ostrgaard, '23.
880-yard run: 2 minutes 19.10 seconds, by Frank, '22.
120-yard high hurdles: 16:1.6 seconds, by Weir, '22.
220-yard low hurdles: 25:45 seconds, by Graves, '10.
Pole vault: 11 feet 8 inches, by Rhodes, '21.
High jump: 6 feet, by Rhodes '22.
Broad jump: 21 feet 10 1/2 inches, by Rhodes '22.
12 pound shot put: 45 feet 7 1/2 inches, by Lutes '15.
Discus throw: 120 feet, by Heppelren '20.
880-yard relay: 1 minute 35.6-10 seconds, by Tecumseh '23.

Royal Coffman and Higgins Beat Opponents

Paul Elias, George Barna and Fredericks, Omaha Athletic Club, Lose Out at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 7.—St. Louis, Omaha, Kansas City, Oklahoma University and Little Rock will be proud of their showing their athletes made in the semi-Olympic trials which were completed in convention hall tonight.

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Leading League With Bludgeon



CHIEF ROBINSON

"Chief" Robinson, Buffalo right fielder, is at the top of the individual batting averages of the Western league. The "Chief" formerly played with Sioux City in the same circuit. He was obtained from Lincoln in the deal that sent Dick O'Connor to the Links. Robinson is hitting well over .500.

STANLEY ZBYSKO WINS FROM MONDT

Chicago, May 7.—Stanley Zbyszko, veteran Polish wrestler, and former heavyweight champion, won two falls out of three from Joe "Toots" Mondt of Denver, Colo., here tonight. After taking the first fall with a toe hold in 4:55, Zbyszko was awarded the final fall by the referee, after eight minutes, because of the persistent fighting of Mondt.

Mondt took the second fall in 14:40 with a knifehold.

John Pesek, Nebraska heavyweight, threw Joe Dostil of Chicago's heavy fall after 59 minutes and 30 seconds with a body hold that Dostil was unable to continue and conceded the second fall to Pesek. Pat McGill, Omaha heavyweight, won a one-fall match in 26:15 with a scissors on the head and wristlock from Frank La Mark of Montreal. Hugh Nichols of Cedar Rapids, Ia., and Sammy Sandow of San Francisco went 20 minutes to a draw.

SAYS FIRPO MAY FIGHT GODFREY

New York, May 7.—Hugh Gartland, who spent a few months in Buenos Aires, learning Spanish and confronting Luis Firpo, announced today that Firpo would probably accept an offer to fight George Godfrey, the negro, at one of the local ball parks.

Firpo, he said, would also travel to Chicago and do battle with Fred Fulton, to be staged at the Hawthorne race course. Gartland said he also has in mind a dozen or so smaller affairs for Firpo.

The Pirates announced the signing of Kaufmann, finishing second to the Cubs 3 to 1.

Coach Schulte's Squad Finishes First, Second in 100-Yard Dash; Graham, Kaw Star, High Individual With 12 Points

Crimson and Cream Artists Capture 12 Firsts—Kansas Wins Two-Mile Run.

AWRENC, KAN., May 8.—The Nebraska track squad ran true to hope here this afternoon and more than doubled the score on Kansas, the final count being 90 to 41. The men of Coach Henry Schulte got the jump with first and second in the 100-yard dash and were headed. The visitors collected 12 firsts and tied for one, while Kansas was taking only two firsts. The marks were good considering a high wind and a temperature of 41 degrees, which prevailed throughout the meet.

Graham, all-around star of Kansas, won the chief laurels for the Jayhawkers by being high individual scorer, with 11 points scored on a first in the broad jump and second in each of the hurdles. He was closely pressed for honors by Locke and Weir of Nebraska, who won two firsts each.

Nebraska took eight seconds and Kansas five, while the Jayhawkers had a monopoly on thirds, with 12, to only two for Nebraska.

The only exciting race of the afternoon was the two-mile grind in which Midget Grady of Kansas fought up from behind in the last 200 yards and finished with a burst in the stretch that put him across the tape a winner by a yard over Slemons of Nebraska. Pratt of Kansas was only included behind the Cornhusker.

The summary:
100-Yard Dash—Won by Locke (KS); Held (N); second, Firebaugh (KS); Mile Run—Won by Lewis (N); Ross (N); second, Keller (KS); third, Tomlin (N); 4 minutes, 43 seconds.
220-Yard Dash—Won by Locke (KS); second, Firebaugh (KS); third, Firebaugh (KS); third, Time, 2:22 seconds.
220-Yard Hurdles—Won by Weir (KS); second, Firebaugh (KS); third, Time, 1:14 seconds.
440-Yard Hurdles—Won by Weir (KS); second, Firebaugh (KS); third, Time, 5:19 seconds.
880-Yard Hurdles—Won by Weir (KS); second, Firebaugh (KS); third, Time, 11:42 seconds.
120-Yard High Hurdles—Won by Weir (KS); second, Firebaugh (KS); third, Time, 1:14 seconds.
Broad Jump—Won by Graham (KS); second, Firebaugh (KS); third, Time, 21 feet 10 1/2 inches.
Shot Put—Won by Slemons (N); second, Firebaugh (KS); third, Time, 49 feet 6 inches.
Discus—Won by Myers (KS); second, Firebaugh (KS); third, Time, 126 feet 8 inches.
Pole Vault—Won by Slemons (N); second, Firebaugh (KS); third, Time, 11 feet 8 inches.
High Jump—Won by Rhodes (KS); second, Goddard and Dillenschneider (KS); third, Time, 6 feet 0 inches.
Mile Relay—Won by Nebraska (Lynch, Whipperman, Giffin, Hein); Kansas (Kaw, Grady, Grady, Firebaugh); second, Time, 7 minutes 23 seconds.
Two-Mile Run—Won by Grady (KS); second, and referee, J. C. Grover, Kansas City.

"We are anxious to get the very best material possible and I consider Charlie Paddock one of the country's best bets in the sprints. I sincerely hope that he will come back to his one time wonderful form and that he will be a member of the team."

"I have always thought that Paddock should have entered more National A. U. meets and have competed against some of our fastest men during the past years, but if he did not feel inclined to this it was his own business, and I could not criticize him for it now at a time when we need the best material in the country."

"I consider Paddock a very fine gentleman and wish him success in his attempt to make the team which sails for Paris in June."

Fight Tournay for Heavy Boxers

Oakland, Cal., May 7.—A list of heavyweight fighters who are in particular in an elimination tournament to select a western candidate to send against Jack Dempsey and some special selected British heavyweight, was announced here by Fred Winsor, who is handling the tournament. Winsor once was Dempsey's manager. The tournament will open in Oakland on the night of May 14 with three bouts.

Vernon, Sacramento, Eureka and other California cities will hold bouts in the tournament which will end July 20. Names of contestants for the opening night will be picked from a hat. Among the entries are Con Mooney, Detroit; Ted Snyder, United States Marine champion; Truck Hart, El Paso; Charlie Barr, East Norwood, Ohio; Omer Johnson, Memphis, Texas; Pat Lester, Tucson, Arizona; Joe Martin, Blackfoot Indian of St. Paul, Minn., and Bryant Humphrey of Blytheville.

The city in which the closing bouts will be staged has not been selected.

FRANCE QUESTIONS OSBORNE'S STYLE

New York, May 7.—France has questioned the legality of the high jumping style of Harold Osborne, Illinois athletic club star and holder of the world's indoor record, it was learned today, and steps have been taken to determine whether it will be permitted in the Olympic games at Paris.

The decision is now in the hands of the council of the International Amateur Athletic federation, which acts as an Olympic jury in such cases, according to Frederick W. Rubien, American member of the council, and secretary of the American Olympic committee.

MARIN PLESTINA WINS MAT BOUT
St. Louis, Mo., May 8.—Marin Plestina, 235-pound Chicago heavyweight wrestler won two falls from Mike Howard, University of Iowa, grappling instructor here last night. The first fall came in 87 minutes, 28 seconds in 6 minutes, 18 seconds, with a toe hold.

Hans Steinke, 280-pound German, won a straight fall match from Bill Sampson of Milwaukee.

New York.—Sarazen, owned by Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt II, will not run in the historic Kentucky derby on May 17, his trainer announced.

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State Chapters of Izaak Walton League to Meet at Norfolk Monday

Members and prospective members of the Izaak Walton League in Nebraska will flock to Norfolk Monday to attend the annual convention of the Nebraska division of the league. Norfolk is to be turned over to the visitors. The morning program includes golf, bait casting in the North Fork river and bluecock shooting, with the targets furnished. All events carry prizes and will be held at the Norfolk Country club, which is one of the prettiest in the west.

The convention will be called to order at 1:30 p. m. at Elks hall, following a luncheon arranged by the Norfolk chapter of the league. A banquet will be held at 7:35 p. m. Speakers of national prominence will be on the program. The American Legion of Norfolk will stage a boxing show in the evening.

The convention Monday has been arranged to include all chapters of the Izaak Walton league and all prospective chapters are invited to attend.

Philadelphia—Carl Fischer, intercollegiate tennis champion, resigned from the American Olympic and Davis cup squads as a result of the recent player-writer rule.

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