

Kaplan and Kramer Meet in 15-Round Bout for Featherweight Title This Week

Bout Is Feature of Box-Fighting Program in East

Johnny Dundee Plays Santa Claus to Feathers and Hands Title Over to Commission.

By RINGPORT.
WHEN Louis (Kid) Kaplan and Danny Kramer of Philadelphia finish their scheduled 15-round battle in Madison Square Garden, New York, Friday night, a new featherweight champion will be crowned. The bout is the featured attraction of a program vacated recently by Johnny Dundee, the "Scotch-wop."

Dundee handed the title over to the New York boxing commission a short time ago with the statement that he could no longer make the required weight of 125 pounds. This bout is the outstanding feature of a holiday program well filled with interesting scraps by men near the top of their respective divisions of fisticuffs.

When Dundee relinquished the championship, due to overweight, the title was tossed into the ring for about a half dozen worthy contenders to scramble for, and the result of a series of elimination contests staged in New York is that Kaplan and Kramer have reached the finals and will battle for the honor of leading one of the most popular divisions of pugilism.

Important Boxing Bouts This Week

Dec. 28—Wee Willie Woods against Mike Castle, 10 rounds in Harvill, Mass.
Dec. 29—Eddie K. Wagner against Charles Sluiter, 10 rounds, Parkland, Me.
Jan. 1—Homer Smith against Tony Fucito, 10 rounds in Mexico City.
Jan. 1—Eddie Anderson against Bob Roper, 10 rounds in Grand Rapids, Mich.
Jan. 1—Mel Coogan against Russ Lacey, 10 rounds in Fargo, N. D.
Jan. 1—Eddie Anderson against Willie Ames, 10 rounds in Canton, O.
Jan. 1—Mike Ballerino against Frank Munroe, 10 rounds in Milwaukee, Wis.
Jan. 1—Pete Saravento against Eddie Shea, 10 rounds in Milwaukee, Wis.
Jan. 1—Bud Taylor against Al Zelner, 10 rounds in Indianapolis.
Jan. 1—Paul Doyle against Jimmy Jones, 10 rounds in New York.
Jan. 2—Louis Kid Kaplan against Danny Kramer, 15 rounds in New York.
Jan. 2—Billy DePoe against Babe Herman, 12 rounds in New York.
Jan. 2—Al Brown against Jimmy Russo, 12 rounds in New York.

Never before in the history of the division have two youngsters been more evenly matched. They have done everything that has been asked of them in disposing of others at their weights which victories have brought them together. There were at least 10 other good fighters to be put out of the running. They did it.

The winner of this contest will be a real champion because each possessed all the necessary qualifications. Each can punch with terrific force for men of their poundage, each is clever and fast and each, despite his short time in the game, has gained a world of experience, due to the fact that each has been shoved along as rapidly as possible toward the ultimate goal of every good fighter—the championship throne.

Odds even right in New York are slightly in favor of Kramer. This is due to the fact that the Quaker City ring product has been in the game a bit longer than his foe and thus has a record that is a bit more impressive but odds mean nothing in boxing. This contest will be a huge young man. He will have to defend the title against a flock of good fighters who have engaged in the elimination contests and are good enough to command attention of promoters who seek championship affairs to lure cash customers to box offices.

Stakes which keep the public informed on the progress of the industry, have been singing the praises of Romero Rojas since the Chilean outpointed Jack Renault. They believe he is one of the best challengers for the crown that has since July 4, 1919, adorned the noble brow of Jack Dempsey. They will have a chance to add a little to the many kind things they have said of Romero when he gets through with Bob Roper, a product of the world war, in Grand Rapids New Year's day.

Romero is sure to register a win over the veteran army captain who has been a mere trial horse for the rest of the heavyweight brigade since he left the army and took up the more profitable job of denting the maps of opposing militars. Bob is about all through. He merely goes along picking up a pyrrhic here and there and is tough enough to give the opposition enough argument to make his services in demand but the title will have to win rather decisively or the stakes will have to retract some of the things they have said in his favor.

Tony Fuente, the Mexican who did a turn with Fred Fulton in Los Angeles that the fans of that locality did not relish, is to meet Homer Smith in Mexico City. Homer is one of the best heavyweights of the weight class. Thus Fuente must win decisively if he is to remain in the challenger class, which is too well filled now with men who have no business claiming membership.

Berg Considered as Successor to Dawson

Urbana, Ill., Dec. 27.—Rumors that Ernest E. Berg, assistant football coach at the University of Illinois was being considered as a possibility to succeed Fred T. Dawson, as coach of Nebraska were current on the Illinois campus.

One of Majors' Star Catchers



Mickey O'Neill

H KRE'S Mickey O'Neill, the aggressive Boston Braves' catcher, who is said to have the best throwing arm in baseball since Lou Criger. Mickey had 108 assists during the last season, which figures would tend to support the claims as to the deadliness of his arm. This up-and-at-tem type of catcher is his mark value to his team besides his prowess as a player.

Nebraska Fish and Game Bureau Makes Extensive Plans for 1925

Lincoln, Dec. 27.—With 1,000,000 brook trout eggs hatching at Benkema, 550,000 at Valentine and more than 400,000 at Gretna and with a new hatchery in the making at Rock Creek, seven miles out of Parks, in Dundee county, Nebraska fishermen can sit back and think of the good old summer time with a smile of satisfaction and think of the tales they can tell when they make a catch.

The planting of eggs in streams throughout Nebraska is only a part of the work of the state fish and game bureau headed by Game Warden George G. Koster. Protection of all game by means of the "closed season" and the enforcement of the game laws, but the name of the distribution of game are only a few of the duties performed by the state for the hunter and fisherman's benefit.

Thousands of pheasants have been distributed over the state. In fact so many have flocked to the western part of Nebraska that the bird has been declared almost a nuisance. The following figures show the number of violations of the game laws, but the game warden expects the increase to correspond with the number of licenses issued. Hunting or fishing without a license is the principal offense, closely followed by such violations as killing out of season, use of nets, use of traps and the killing of song birds.

The following figures show the increase in the number of licenses issued since Koster took office in 1915:

Dec. 1, 1914, to Nov. 30, 1915	67,229
Dec. 1, 1915, to Nov. 30, 1916	82,421
Dec. 1, 1916, to Nov. 30, 1917	99,854
For the year 1921	151,367
For the year 1922	151,667
For the year 1923	151,600

*Approximate figures, exact total not yet known.

Dawson Loses Cage Game.

Pawnee City, Neb., Dec. 27.—The Pawnee City basketball team defeated the Dawson team at Dawson by a 12-6 score. There were no individual stars on the Pawnee team. Riley did the best work for Dawson.

Ski Tourney Soon.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—The slide at Fox River Grove, near Cary, Ill., on which the international ski tournament will be held January 18 will be open for practice events tomorrow.

Maryland Realizes \$721,000 From Four Race Tracks

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 27.—The state of Maryland this year will receive \$721,000 in round numbers as its revenue from the four one-mile race tracks—Harrode de Grace, Pimlico, Laurel and Bowie—figures from the state racing commission, complete with the exception of Laurel, today indicate.

This revenue is made up of two items: (1) Tax of \$6,000 for each day of racing at each track, and (2) tax of 15 per cent on the net revenue of each track for the year.

There are 92 days of racing. It is estimated, unofficially, that approximately \$21,000,000 passed through the pari-mutuel machines at the four tracks this year.

Victory of Hagen in British Open Outstanding Feat

Cyril Walker and Bobby Jones Were Big Figures in Golf of 1924.

THE winning of the British open golf championship by Walter Hagen for the second time in three years was the outstanding achievement of the year in American golf, although the defeat of the British team in the Walker Cup matches and of its individual members in the national amateur championship may be regarded by some as being of equal note.

Strange to relate, Hagen was unable to win at home, however. He was just among those present, when the American title went to Cyril Walker, a slight little whiff of a man from the Englewood Country Club. Walker won the Metropolitan open some years ago, but otherwise his performance had hardly been worthy of note.

Bobby Jones, dethroned in this tournament, came back like a bad check in the amateur championship at Merion and won as he pleased. It was Jones' first amateur title in spite of the fact that he long has been recognized as one of the greatest living golfers. His victory in the final round came at the expense of George Von Elm, of Los Angeles, who was outclassed.

Dexter Cummings, of Yale, won the intercollegiate title.

Among the women, Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hurd, of Pittsburgh, winner of many titles in amateur play, again returned to the races and won the championship in the final round from Miss Mary Browne, of California.

The latter furnished the sensation by reaching the finals in golf and the semi-finals in tennis during one and the same campaign.

Mickey Walker to Box McTigue Soon

New York, Dec. 27.—"Mike" McTigue, world light heavyweight champion, probably will not have an advantage of more than 10 pounds in weight when he meets Mickey Walker, welterweight titleholder at Newark, January 7, in one of the most unusual matches the ring has known in recent years.

McTigue, who did most of his fighting in middleweight ranks before he won the 175-pound crown from "Battling" Sild at Dublin, scored only 12 for his fight in Atlanta last night, where he knocked out Jimmy King of New Orleans. He will enter the ring at close to this figure against Walker, who likely will be at least five pounds over his own class limit, 145 pounds.

Minnesota After Grid Coaches

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 27.—One or two possible top, high grade coaching assistants will be added to the University of Minnesota football staff for the 1925 season, it was learned today.

Coach Bill Spaulding left for New York tonight to attend the gathering of the American Football Coaches' association. While there, he expects to meet about assistant coaches.

Pawnee City Boy to Pilot Tarkio Eleven Next Season

Pawnee City, Neb., Dec. 27.—Harold Edwards, a former Pawnee City boy, has been elected captain of the 1925 Tarkio college football team. Mr. Edwards was formerly classed as a star backfield man of the Missouri schools this year.

Chief Reynolds of the United States Navy is one of the most progressive men in the Naval Reserve league. When the season started he was shooting a 299 mark, but now he ranks as a 289 man.

Quail of the Lady Washington led the Carpenter Paper league with a 168 game, underwood of the Missouri was one 209 behind him for second, and Wilcox and Ellberg were tied for third with 484 scores.

Gibson of the Farnam Alley league evidently does not intend to have any one else in the Missouri league. He was one 209 behind him for second, and Wilcox and Ellberg were tied for third with 484 scores.

Great Strides Made in Tennis During 1924

State Tournament Most Closely Contested, Successful Ever Held in Nebraska; Lincoln Players Star.

By RALPH NEWELL.
URING 1924 tennis made some wonderful strides in Omaha and Nebraska in general. While the weather was unfavorable for a part of the time the game progressed rapidly.

The Nebraska state tournament, played on the university courts, at Lincoln under the direction of Gregg McBride, was the most closely contested and successful ever held in Nebraska. Competition in both singles and doubles was keen and the winners were in doubt to the last second of play. Players from 35 towns entered the matches.

Lincoln net artists brought fame and glory to their home town by winning both the singles and doubles championships. Paul Mahood won the singles and in company with Fred Archard triumphed in the doubles. Harry Pills was runner-up in the singles. Dising and Finkel of Omaha placed second in the doubles. In the singles Mahood won in four sets while in the doubles Mahood and Archard won in three straight sets.

Many of the best players in Omaha were missing from the Nebraska tournament because of the Missouri Valley meet at Sioux City. The Sioux City meet had been scheduled for the previous week but was held over.

In Omaha great strides of advancement were noted in the net game. More than 450 tennis were listed with the Municipal association in addition to the numerous players who competed at the various country clubs. It was a common occurrence on the municipal courts for players to wait three and four hours for a chance to play.

In the city municipal tennis tournament, staged by the Municipal association, 197 players were entered. The championship was won by Albert Finkel, who defeated Hobb Shoemaker, 6-4 and 6-2.

The local city championship singles and doubles meet was staged on the Omaha Field club courts under the management of Ralph Newell. Upsets in the 'dops were frequent and not until the final rounds did the favorites appear as such. After a grueling four-set struggle with Ralph Powell, David Davis won the singles honors.

Another upset was noted in the doubles championship set. Kenore and Scriber lost to Davis and Powell in three straight sets. The smashing game of the winners proved too much for the game-hearted Kenore and his partner.

Prospects for the advancement in the game during 1925 are considered the best ever. Additional funds have been set aside by the city commissioners for the construction of new courts at sites to be determined later.

The Missouri Valley tournament for tennis was held at Des Moines, the Nebraska state tournament at Lincoln, and the Omaha meets at courts yet undetermined.

Hawaii to Play Colorado to Play Hawaiian Team

Honolulu, Dec. 27.—The University of Colorado football team, having won the Rocky mountain conference championship and then invaded the islands and defeated the Navy service team, 43 to 6, here Christmas day, will face tough competition here New Year's day with the University of Hawaii for opponent.

Hawaii has held the title of the Honolulu senior league for the last two years. Its goal line has not been registered against it were two field goals, one kicked by Wheeler of the Occidental, California college eleven, the other by a member of the 14th naval district team. The Hawaiians have a powerful rushing attack, a spectacular air game, and a strong defense. They trimmed Occidental, 19 to 3, on December 6.

Clum in head coach at Hawaii. Carter Galt, former star Yale guard, is line coach.

Yankees, Browns Effect Trade

Urban Shocker, Star Right-Handed Spittin' Hurler of the St. Louis Browns, is Back with the Yankees, the Club with which he First Achieved Big-League Fame. "Bullet" Joe Bush, Milton Gaston and Another Young Hurler Went to the Browns in Exchange for the Moist-Ball Pitcher, with whom Miller Huggins Hopes to Win his Fourth Pennant.



URBAN SHOCKER, JOE BUSH & MILTON GASTON

Urban Shocker, star right-handed spittin' hurler of the St. Louis Browns, is back with the Yankees, the club with which he first achieved big-league fame. "Bullet" Joe Bush, Milton Gaston and another young hurler went to the Browns in exchange for the moist-ball pitcher, with whom Miller Huggins hopes to win his fourth pennant.

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INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE. Team Standings.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
St. B. Printers	20	11	.646
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
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BOOSTER LEAGUE. Team Standings.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
St. B. Printers	20	11	.646
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354

ELKS LEAGUE NO. 3. Team Standings.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
St. B. Printers	20	11	.646
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354

U. S. NAVAL RESERVE LEAGUE. Team Standings.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
St. B. Printers	20	11	.646
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354

CLAN GORDON LEAGUE. Team Standings.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
St. B. Printers	20	11	.646
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354

STANDARD OIL LEAGUE. Team Standings.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
St. B. Printers	20	11	.646
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354

NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE. Team Standings.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
St. B. Printers	20	11	.646
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354

ELKS LEAGUE NO. 2. Team Standings.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
St. B. Printers	20	11	.646
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354

ELKS LEAGUE NO. 4. Team Standings.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
St. B. Printers	20	11	.646
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354

BLUE BELT LEAGUE. Team Standings.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
St. B. Printers	20	11	.646
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354
St. B. Printers	11	20	.354

RAIN CAUSES DELAY IN FOOTBALL TOURNEY

London, Dec. 27.—The heavy rainstorm raging today caused the postponement of several English association league football games. Games affected were the fixtures between Aston Villa and Liverpool at Birmingham, Cardiff City and Burnley at Cardiff, Manchester City and Bury at Manchester, The Rochdale-Hartlepool united match on the former team's grounds was abandoned after 35 minutes of play.

Heart Disease Fatal.

Humboldt, Neb., Dec. 27.—Mrs. John H. Schmidt, 49, died Wednesday evening. She was the wife of John H. Schmidt, livestock dealer. She had been suffering from heart disease.

Passaic High Wins 149th Straight Cage Game

Passaic, N. J., Dec. 27.—The Passaic High school basketball team increased its world record winning streak to 149 straight today by conquering Jamaica (104) Island High school, 65 to 28.

Tijuana Results

Event	Winner	Score
Eight ball	W. J. ...	5-0
Billiard	W. J. ...	1-0
Pool	W. J. ...	1-0
Table tennis	W. J. ...	1-0
Handball	W. J. ...	1-0
Baseball	W. J. ...	1-0
Soccer	W. J. ...	1-0
Ice hockey	W. J. ...	1-0
Figure skating	W. J. ...	1-0
Winter sports	W. J. ...	1-0

Sunday Bulldog Sports Yanks Have Big Season on Track; Win Olympics

Paddock, Houser, Brookings and Osborne Help Make 1924 Successful Track Year.

AMERICA came into its era of greatest prosperity in track and field athletics during the season of 1924, the campaign culminating in a convincing victory over the world in the Olympic games at Paris. Individual victories were scored by the following:

Two hundred metres, Scholz; 110-metre hurdles, Kinsey; 400-metre hurdles, Taylor; high jump, Osborne; shot put, Houser; running broad jump, Hubbard; pole vault, Barnes; discus throw, Tootell; 400-metre relay, Houser, Clark, Murchison and Leoney; 1,600-metre relay, Cochrane, Stevenson, McDonald and Helfrich.

America placed all four of its starters in the two sprints, Scholz and Paddock running one-two in the 200-metre dash. It also got the first three places in the pole vault, first, second and fourth in the high jump and discus, first and second in the hammer throw, and first, third and fourth in the shot put.

In addition, Osborne furnished a new world record in the decathlon and a new Olympic record in the high jump; Legendre hung up new world figures, 25 feet, 6.54 inches, in the broad jump of the pentathlon series; Morgan Taylor repeated his world record effort of 52.35 seconds in the final heat of the 400-metre hurdles, the 400-metre relay team stepped its distance in 41 seconds, a world's record, and the 1,600-metre team did likewise in 3 minutes, 15 seconds.

Outside of Nurmi and Ritola, the Finns, who scored nine-tenths of the points of that nation, America supplied the only double winners of the games in Osborne and Houser. It was a great American team that was only prevented from overwhelming its field by a series of misfortunes, notably the disqualification of Brookings in the 400-metre hurdles and Guthrie in the 110-metre hurdles, and the injury to Coard Taylor, probably the greatest quarter-miler of all time.

Nurmi, of course, was the outstanding figure of the meeting in winning the 1,500-metre, 5,000-metre, 2,000-metre race and the 10,000-metre cross-country run within a single week. He proved himself the greatest runner of all time.

Charley Paddock, who was a bit "underdone" in his training for the games, was a disappointment, getting fifth in the 100-metre and second in the 200-metre run. But he came back at the national championships at West Orange, N. J., and left no doubt in the minds of those who saw him as to his right to be rated the premier sprinter of the world.

On the occasion in question he won the 100-yard dash from Murchison and Leoney in 9.35 seconds, equalling his world's record for the distance. Less than an hour later Paddock ran the legs of Murchison to win the 100-yard for four yards in 20.15, equalling another of his world marks.

Running in that form in the Olympic games, Paddock would have been unbeatable in the British championship over our best sprinters at 100 metres would have been stifled forever. Another great performance went to the Boston college two-mile relay team which defeated Cambridge university at the Pennsylvania relay games in 7:47.5, a world's record. The team was made up of McKillop, Mahoney, Welch and Cavanaugh.

After a famine of many years' standing, Yale came back with a victory in the intercollegiate, causing something of an upset. The Bulldog also supplied the individual cross-country winner in M. L. Smith, but Pittsburgh won the team prize, another unforeseen occurrence. Fred Wachsman of New York led the field home in the A. A. U. senior event, while Cumar and Nib, Finnish-American A. C. U. won the junior title. The senior outdoor track and field championship went to the Illinois A. C. U. did the junior championship.

Want Basket Ball Games?

The Mohawk Athletic club and the Omaha All-Stars have combined their teams and are now looking for games with some fast high school or American Legion team.

The name of the new team is the Mohawk Athletic club. Its players are: Fred and Lester Giventer, Izadore Shreibman, Max Altachuan, Morris Reiss, Sam Ben and Manager, Pinner Hershel Soskin.

For games call or write Hershel Soskin at 822 North Sixteenth street or phone Jackson 6323.

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