

SPORTS

COMMISSIONERS STOP LEWIS-FALES FIGHT IN THE SIXTH FRAME

Charge That One of Lewis' Wallops, Flooring Fales, Went Below the Belt.

New Hanover's boxing commission interfered last night in the sixth round of the scheduled eight round fight between Harry Fales, local light heavyweight, and Frankie Lewis of Winston-Salem, all three commissioners claiming that Lewis was disqualified on account of a blow that he struck Fales just below the belt.

The fight was in Lewis' hands at the time, he having floored Fales in that round and had him apparently at his mercy when the fight was stopped.

The first round began with both men full of confidence and for the entire round each tried to pick the weak spots in their opponent. The round ended with the advantage lying apparently with neither man.

In the second round Lewis led the fighting and at first was apparently easily the winner, but in the last few seconds of the round Fales began fighting back, landing several beautiful body blows. This round also was called a draw by many.

The third round was fast and furious and both men mixed it freely, the crowd cheering one man and then the other and calling at all times for more. The round ended apparently a draw.

The crowd went wild at the beginning of the fourth round and called for action, which both fighters furnished aplenty, although Fales' punches failed to land in fully half his attempts and the general opinion expressed at the ringside was that Lewis had the best of the fourth stanza.

Fales covered in the fifth round, Lewis easily beating him with numerous blows to the body and head, the Winston-Salem man showing bursts of speed that were exceptional and taking advantage of every break that came his way. Fales apparently was weakening in the sixth round.

In the sixth round Lewis had things all his own way in spite of the fact that Fales landed several telling blows. Fales went down under a series of blows but failed to take advantage of the time allowed, coming back for more punishment. It was at this juncture that a series of body blows were delivered by Lewis, one striking the local man just before the bell, causing him to double up and causing all three boxing commissioners to rush to the ringside and claim that Lewis was disqualified on account of the foul.

Following the disqualification of the Winston-Salem man, that the crowd plainly did not like and which they commented on in no uncertain terms, Commissioner Longley made a short speech and told those present that if Wilmington was to have boxing that it would be run by the commissioners and that they were doing the best they could to see to it that the sport was clean and that all three commissioners plainly saw the blow, therefore they had no recourse left to them but to order the fight discontinued.

Immediately after the speech made by Commissioner Longley, Lewis addressed the audience, stating that he was willing to meet Fales here next week and guaranteeing to stop the fight if he was not able to do so. He also forfeit his share of the purse to charity.

E. P. Dudley refereed the main bout, as well as the semi-finals. Taylor S. Murray acted as timekeeper and the fight was conducted under the rules of the New York boxing commission. A crowd estimated at well over a thousand witnessed the bout. Ladies were plentifully sprinkled among the audience and many apparently enjoyed the bout to the utmost.

Last night's event was opened by an announcement by Manager Ira F. Cates in which he told of his intention to stage fights here as often as the people wanted them, provided he could secure good men. He told of the way in which the fight would be conducted and introduced Marsden Bellamy, chairman of the boxing commission, who in a few, though well chosen, words told of the rules of the sport for which bouts could be held here and told also of how the bouts will be conducted.

Slim Mintz and Lester Burrus furnished three rounds of fast fighting for the preliminary. Burrus had the advantage over the slim lad, carrying the fight to him at all times, Mintz slowing up decidedly before the third round was finished.

The second bout of the evening was between Kenneth Mann of Wilmington and Kid Little of Charlotte and furnished the real treat for the crowd, the bout being fast and furious at all times, both men showing aggressiveness throughout, all five of the two-minute rounds.

Mann had distinctly the advantage of the Charlotte boy, although the lightweight from the Queen City was game to the core and showed that no yellow streak was in him, he coming back for more punishment at all times and continually forcing the Wilmington boy to keep up the fight.

The crowd enjoyed this bout to the

limit and each man was cheered time and again as direct blows were exchanged by the two lightweights. Present at the ringside tonight besides the fighters, their seconds and handlers, and ring officials were the three commissioners, several policemen and firemen and newspaper men, Promoter Cates stating before the fight that no others would be allowed in order that the entire crowd could better witness the bout.

Neither Dodgers Nor Red Sox Is Expected To Change Ownership

NEW YORK, March 8.—Baseball circles had two major league clubs on the block today—the Boston Americans and Brooklyn Nationals—but although interests in both admittedly were for sale to the highest bidder, doubt was expressed tonight as to the prospects of either changing ownership at present.

Harry H. Frazer, president of the Red Sox, declined to comment on reports reviving the possibility that he might sell his interests. It was learned, however, that he had not conferred today with Ban Johnson, president of the American league, on the subject.

Owners of the Brooklyn club, meanwhile, admitted they had been approached by representative of Edward Simms, wealthy Kentucky turpentine and oil operator, with an offer of \$500,000 to buy the club, but did not appear to regard it favorable.

Charles H. Ebbets, president of the club, was quoted by the Brooklyn Eagle's training camp correspondent as saying the price was not satisfactory.

In Brooklyn, Stephen W. McKeever, who with his brother, Edward J. McKeever, holds a half interest in the Dodgers, declared emphatically he would consider no proposition to sell and added that there isn't money enough in New York to buy out his share in the club.

Baseball men regarded the attitude of Mr. McKeever, as practically quashing the proposed deal because of an agreement he and his brother are understood to have with Mr. Ebbets, under the terms of which each party has first option on the other's holdings in the event either desired to sell.

Proof of the existence of this fact was seen in the statement by Mr. Ebbets that he could reach no deal with the Simms offer until conferring with the McKeever.

Trinity Enters 77 In Annual Track Meet

DURHAM, March 8.—Coach Burbage of Trinity college, will have 77 entries in the second annual indoor track meet to be held at the Star Brick warehouse here Friday evening. Seventy of the men will compete for honors in the various events, while seven will enter the freshmen events. Every event, with the exception of the freshman half mile dash, will see a number of Trinity men competing.

Although Coach Burbage issued his call for track practice several weeks ago, he is far from satisfied with the showing that his team has made to date. While he was in Virginia for two weeks with the basketball team, the track athletes worked out under Coach Shankle and not until Monday was Coach Burbage able to give sufficient time to the track men on account of basketball practice.

Coach Fetzer Has Only One Mound Candidate

CHAPEL HILL, March 8.—Herman Bryson of Asheville, who is now starting his third year as varsity pitcher for Carolina, is the only letter man Coach Fetzer has for mound duty to start with.

Herman, or "Kid," as he is often called, is counted on to do a lot of hard work this spring. Judging from his summer record with Maxton last year, he should prove a good bet at any rate. He pitched 24 games and won 20 of them. When he was not pitching he was playing left field and batted a .280 rate, which is considered good for a pitcher.

Rube Benton Fully Exonerated By Landis

CHICAGO, March 8.—The controversy over J. C. ("Rube") Benton was ended tonight by a decision of K. M. Landis, baseball commissioner, declaring Benton eligible to play in organized baseball, approving his transfer to the Cincinnati National league team by the St. Paul club of the American association and severally criticizing those who brought charges against Benton nearly two years after the alleged irregularity occurred.

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METHODIST CAGE CRACKS LAMBAST CALVINIST QUINT

Spring Big Surprise in Sunday School League and Wallop Presbyterians 34 to 30.

What seemed to be at first a one-sided game at the Y. M. C. A. last night in the Sunday school league turned out to be a fast match and resulted in a decided upset of the dope pot. The Presbyterians, who have gone through the season up to date without losing a single game and who have met much stronger teams seemingly than the one they faced last night, came out on the short end of the 34 to 30 score, although it took an extra five minutes to decide the best team. The score at half time was 24 all.

With the Methodists going so strong that when the extra time was finished they had the game packed away. It is true that the Presbyterians were weakened by the loss of several of their first string players and that the Methodists were strengthened by the use of several of the high school squad who are at liberty to play Sunday school ball now, but the fact remains that it is the first game that the Presbyterians have lost. They face the strong Lutheran team next week, which has not yet given up the hope of championship again for this year and will be forced to play their best brand of ball or else take their second trimming of the season.

Next week, besides the Presbyterian-Lutheran game, the Methodists and Baptists will put on a game. Burkheimer, with his floor work and shooting, and Kelley with his excellent work as guard and center, were the most useful men on the floor. Bear, of the Presbyterians, was second highest scorer with five field baskets to Burkheimer's seven.

The line-up: Methodists (34) Presbyterians (30) Powell P. Bear Boone F. Horne Kelley G. Westbrook Burkheimer G. Williams Davis G. White Andrew Hewlett (N. H. S.), referee.

Wellsmen Grab Two In Three From the Belvin Volleyballers

The games today in the volleyball league brought out some interesting play, Wells' team taking two and losing one to Belvin's team. The games were held at the Y. M. C. A. gym.

The game of volleyball is not being properly appreciated, but with national championships being played off as they are this year and last year and with teams coming from all over the entire world to the game, it is assuming an importance that it has never had before. Even the universities are putting out varsity teams and Trinity is already arranging a schedule for their team. The games Tuesday will be between Wells and Weaks and will be free to anyone who would like to watch them.

Standing of the Teams Team Won Lost P. C. Wells 11 9 459 Weaks 11 9 469 Cowan 11 13 469 Belvin 8 16 328

Cobb Tells Why South Produces So Many Stars

PHILADELPHIA, March 8.—In recent years many of the major league stars have come from either the sunny south or the Pacific coast.

Incidentally a great many of the big stars in the baseball call some small town home, rather than the big cities. How so? Does the south and the Pacific coast offer more possibilities for the development of ball players? Is there more chance for the small town youngster than the big city kid?

During the recent meeting of the American league in this city the question was put to Frank Chance, who hails from California, and Ty Cobb, who is the outstanding figure in baseball from the south.

Both seemed to have the same viewpoint. It was this: The more you play baseball the better you progress. The climate in the south and on the coast makes it possible for the youngsters of those two sections to do the "national pastime" three months longer than is possible in other parts of the country.

Both agreed that in the small town baseball was the chief amusement of most youngsters because there was little else to do. Also there was more room to play than the big city usually affords.

There you have the opinion of two of the big stars of the game on why the south and the coast produce a majority of the stars, and why the small town boy has a better chance at baseball than his big city brother.

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High School Nine To Practice Monday Coach Pearce Has Good Nucleus; Schedule Being Arranged.

High school baseball practice begins next Monday and, a number of old men as well as scores of the younger ones at the high school are expected to report for practice on the initial afternoon of practice.

Coach Pearce has a good nucleus on which to build a team as five of last year's letter men are in school this year and with these men to build a team around he feels that he has a good chance to put a machine in the field that will walk away with honors that the student body will be proud of.

During the present scholastic term the high school has twice been within a narrow margin of securing state honors, once in football and again later in the season in basketball but both were missed and the school is confident that they can at least win state honors in one of the three major sports of the school.

The diamond at the Robert Strange playgrounds is not yet in the best of shape but it is thought that a gang of workmen will soon begin work in order that it may be in the best condition possible by the time that the first game is scheduled.

The entire schedule for the team has not yet been completed although the tentative arrangements call for a number of home games and it is thought that the fans here will turn out in numbers to witness the sport during the early summer months when the high school men will play.

Braves Meet Reds; Pirates Hit Giants

Senior Cagemen of Brigade Enter Last Lap.

Barred a victory by the Braves, the boys' brigade senior basketball league will close its season tonight with two games. The first game will be between the Braves and the public is invited, no admission being charged.

The first game on tap for the evening will be staged between Braves and Reds and it goes without saying that these two quintets will put up a classy exhibition. Each team is prepared to action and are patiently waiting for the referee's whistle. The Reds are one game ahead and as this is the last game on the schedule, a victory for the Braves will tie them for top. Although the Reds have a slight advantage by being on top, the Braves are determined to capture tonight's battle.

The second will be between the Pirates and Giants.

The Hemenway basketball team won from the eighth grade team of the high school by the score of 20 to 5. The game was very exciting and the players of both teams put up a good brand of basketball. The following players took part in the game: Hemenway, Schuster, Brittain and Raymond Capps, forwards; Thurman Raynor, center; Ernest Alford and Harold May, guards; Julius King, substitute guard.

Hemenway Lads Trim Eighth Grade Team

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The United States won a second straight and a second successive victory over Great Britain in the international indoor polo team for the John R. Townsend cup, emblematic of the world's championship in the sport.

Drew Beasley Gets 2 Years on the Roads

FAYETTEVILLE, March 8.—Two years on the county roads was the sentence handed by Judge J. Loyd Horton in the superior court here yesterday to Drew Beasley, who with his entire family engaged in an altercation with the civil and military police on Christmas day. Beasley's wife was sentenced to one year in jail. Both were charged with resisting an officer and assault with a deadly weapon. The Beasleys, father, mother, son and daughter, staged an exceedingly lively scrap at their home in "Poe's Bottom" when the officers were called there on the afternoon of December 25, resisting, with the aid of all kinds of weapons, a large part of the police force before they were quelled.

Judge Horton and Solicitor T. A. McNeill are dispatching business at a good clip the special term of criminal court ordered by Governor Morrison to relieve the congested docket in this county. Twenty-four cases were disposed of on the first day of the term. W. C. Downing, of the local bar, is assisting Solicitor McNeill in prosecuting the docket.

LIONS DETERMINED TO CLAW KIWANIS

Coming Basketball Battle Between Teams From Civic Organizations.

The coming cage battle between the Lions and Kiwanis clubs next Wednesday night promises to be the best farce comedy ever seen on a local court or stage. Those who miss this big game will miss a rare treat. A glance at the line-up is enough to convince every one that he will be well entertained during the evening.

On account of each club having such an excellent team, Managers Solomon and Gerdes agreed that neither team would practice. Among the noted stars will be veteran players of 25 years ago and those who have never seen a basketball. A combination of such splendid material will no doubt assure a hard fight by both quintets.

Two junior teams will battle for the brigade junior championship between the halves of the Lions-Kiwanis game. A small admission will be charged, the proceeds being equally divided between the two clubs, the Lions school of infant hygiene and the Kiwanis boys' work. The following line-up will be used in the first game.

Forwards: Cameron North Schulken Cardwell (Rev.) Hodges Williams Struthers

Center: Montgomery Bishop Perdue

Guards: Soloman Brown Poleson Croom Doshier Longley Jacob, Wells

Western Basketball Honors Go to Asheville

CHAPEL HILL, March 8.—The Asheville high school basketball team won the western North Carolina championship here tonight by its defeat of the Rhidsville high quint by the score of 35 to 27.

The mountain city boys outplayed their opponents throughout the entire game, although the Rhidsville team made a desperate rally in the closing minutes that was halted by the time-keeper's whistle. Jimmie Nixon, Asheville forward, was the star of the contest, making eight field goals.

Asheville will meet the eastern champions Saturday night in the University of North Carolina gymnasium for the championship of the state. The eastern winner will be decided on the local court tomorrow night when the New Bern and Smithfield high school teams tie up.



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