



Jack Curley Takes You on a Journey Down Memory Lane

Jack Curley, famed sports promoter, is Hugh Bradley's guest columnist today. Flashbacks to the old days cannot occasionally in this column, have caused him to go wandering down memory lane.

By JACK CURLEY.

WHEN Farmer durns, who died recently, rung in Dan McLeod under another name, against Frank Gutch, then a mere lad at Humboldt, Iowa, the two wrestled on a clender dump back of the round house for nearly four hours. The best of the world leader McLeod got out of it was a draw. It took Gutch several months to get rid of the aches and pains under his skin.

Do you remember when: Eddie Santry won the world featherweight championship? He knocked out Ben Jordan of England in six rounds at Tom O'Rourke's club in New York City. . . . And when Terry McGovern knocked out Santry at "Tallyho's" in Chicago in five rounds?

Some of the world's greatest fights: Jimmy Barry versus Casper Leon, Tommy Ryan versus Tommy West, Joe Wolcott versus Lido Lavigne, Abe Attel versus Owen McGovern, Frank Slavin versus Peter Jackson, Peter Walter versus Joe Goddard, Pedlar Palmer versus Terry McGovern, Jack Dempsey versus Fred Fulton, Gene Tunney versus Jack Dempsey, Jim Flynn versus Carl Morris. All these fights caused gossip for years.

Johnny McNeary, one of New York's best ring referees, rode as a jockey in Manassas, L. I. years before he refereed at almost the same spot. Stanford White never missed a boxing or wrestling ring-side at the old Garden down in Madison Square. Harry Thaw came to all the wrestling shows in the new Garden in the time he settled in Virginia. Another old timer missed at all the ring-side in Jim Villipague. He always bought two seats and occupied both. He weighed 335 pounds.

For the first time in many years a wrestling show was staged recently in the Olympia Stadium in London. Several wrestlers familiar to American mat audiences participated on the bill. Carl Pojeito, one of America's persistent challengers who seldom gets on a card, jugged away all the way to Liverpool, only to be turned away and not allowed to land. Some previous income tax trouble was the cause.

Frankie Neil, one time bantamweight champion, came from South of the Slot in San Francisco. His dad, who managed him, was somewhat of a soapbox orator. He was a race-track bookmaker and when betting was slow on the ponies, he'd bellow across the betting ring: "Who wants to take \$1,000 against my boy Frankie?"

I did took Frankie to England for a twenty-round fight with Tom Bowker. Of course the slugging American fighter lost the decision. Dad, who was one of the early "we wuzz robbed" barkers, yelled all the way home. Chicago heard his voice when the ship was in the middle of the ocean.

"Who was the referee?" Dad Neil was asked. "I don't know his name, but he was some bum bartender," yelled back Mr. Neil Senior. The bum bartender happened to be Eugene Cori, millionaire stock exchange member and one of England's greatest athletes in all boxing history.

"My boy chased Barker all the way," added Papa Neil, "and when I remonstrated with the referee, he charged back. If on shoot at a bird and miss him, that counts for the bird."

Finally a boxing "ref" asked Mr. Neil what chance Abe Attel had with Bowker. (Attel was then the acknowledged fastest and cleverest 113 pounder in America. But the Neils and Attels were sworn enemies.) "What?" roared Mr. Neil. "Abe Attel's chances with Bowker—Gee whizz—Attel wouldn't hit him with a handful of shot."

That settled Neil's claim of an unfair decision in England. Thirty-two years ago George Hackenschmidt wrestled and defeated Ahmed Madrali, the Terrible Turk, at Olympia Stadium in London. 16,000 spectators crowded into the arena. On the first pull for a flying mare, Hackenschmidt won in less than five minutes when he pulled Madrali's arm out of socket.

NOT IN THE BOX SCORE:

AL LANG, trainer of Freddy Steele, refers to the world's middleweight champion as "Fib-cake." . . . Finn Carlsdadt, goalie for the Norwegian Turners, is one of the few soccer stars who wear spectacles while playing. And he at ways has somebody stand by with a spare pair just in case.

University of Oklahoma wrestlers have a logo all their own. A "Mistle head" is a wrestler and a "pinkie" is a wrestler out of condition. . . . High-class trainers such as Ernie Jones and Bert Mitchell give their riders few instructions. It's usually the phony trainer-touts who whisper sweet nothings in the jockey's ears while paddock yodels gap. . . . Johnny Kilbane, the former featherweight champion who now manages Jimmy Vaughn, is a versatile gent. Recently he seconded Vaughn in a bout with Freddy Miller at Louisville and then jumped in and refereed the semi-final round between Freddie Eiler and Henry Firpo.

The Yankees have an eye on L. D. Meyer, the Y. C. U. end who scored all his team's points against Marquette on New Year's Day. Texans say the youngster is even better baseball than football. . . . Likewise the Senators are anticipating the rush by a year or two while gazing longingly at Alex Campanan, N. Y. freshman. . . . Joe McManus, who plays such a tidy inside left for the New York (soccer) Americans also manages the Brooklyn (basketball) Vindications. . . . Berly Ty Anderson is the Ching Johnson of the Atlantic City Sea Gulls, who is the Ranger veteran in plays left defense and also like the Ranger veteran he brings down the house every time he goes down the line.

Ed Wade, whose two points after touchdown won Utah State the Rocky Mountain conference football title, also is center on the basketball team which met Manhattan at Madison Square Garden recently. He runs a turkey farm on the side. Kent Ricks, captain and forward of the same team, is reported the greatest athlete ever produced in the conference, while the only extra but for fame that can be thought up for the other forward, Shelby West, is that he is married. . . . Blessed Event, E. R. Bradley horse that once held a Hialeah Park track record, was left at the post and beaten 100 lengths in a \$100 claiming race the other day. . . . The Atlantic City Auditorium, home of the Sea Gulls, is so large that 1,500 customers can be accommodated for wrestling matches in a separate arena built on the stage.

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GMT PLANT TEAM DOWNS DEMOLAY

Pecks And McBrides Also Wins In 'Y Games Thursday Eve

Loyal Hodge's Plant One quintet from General Motors Truck Pontiac, proved too much for the DeMolay squad in their basketball contest at Barium School Thursday night, giving the locals the short end of a 29-21 score. The first game on the night's Y. M. C. A. card was a close contest between Eccentric and Pecks, won by the latter 25 to 21, and the second game was marked by the defeat of Ladds by McBrides, 41 to 21.

In the feature contest, DeMolay had the edge at the quarter, leading General Motors Truck 7 to 4, but relinquished the lead in the second quarter by the slight margin of 12 to 10. Neither team did much scoring in the third quarter, the visitors getting two field goals and DeMolay but one point resulting from a foul shot. In the fourth quarter, Hodge's outfit scored 13 points to DeMolay's 10, bringing the final count to 29-21 in favor of the visitors. It was a fine contest throughout, with Loyal Hodge leading in his scoring, getting six field goals and one foul shot.

Pecks had a tough time holding the home team to a scoreless first quarter, and it was not until the second half that they began to score. The regulars over the Eccentric squad. Eccentric lead at the half 9 to 8. Mike Pecks, carried high scoring honors in this game with six goals for 12 points.

Bing Jewell led McBrides team with five field goals and one free throw for a total of 11 points, while Ladds, DeMolay's leading scorer, got four field goals, to beat Ladds easily 41-21.

Tonight's contest will feature McBrides league leading team pitted against Pontiac's last year's champions. The regulars of the side, Kent Ricks, captain and forward of the same team, is reported the greatest athlete ever produced in the conference, while the only extra but for fame that can be thought up for the other forward, Shelby West, is that he is married.

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