

SPORT NEWS GLEANED FROM WORLD'S CENTRES

EAGERNESS COST STRIBLING TITLE

Decisively Outpointed Mike McTigue and Had Him Nearly Out.

Young Stribling decisively outpointed Mike McTigue, light heavyweight champion of the world in a twelve round bout staged in Newark last night, and had it not been for his eagerness he might be wearing the title crown today. It was a no-decision bout and that alone saved McTigue. In the tenth round the youthful challenger had his opponent helpless, but in his over-anxiety to annex the championship lost an opportunity to put over a knockout. As McTigue was on his feet at the end of the twelfth he retained his title.

Stribling, fighting the most sensational and determined battle of his meteoric career, won every one of the 12 rounds in the opinion of a majority of newspapermen, with his slashing, whirlwind attack. The 19 year old youngster made a gallant bid for world title laurels, but his over-anxiety at the crucial moment cost him the chance to gain that goal.

While a capacity crowd which paid \$22,000 to witness the match packed the big drill hall, police estimated that more than 10,000 more were turned away amid scenes that at times threatened to assume proportions of a riot. Inside the arena, the crowd was whipped into a high pitch of excitement.

Not the least of the Georgian's supporters were "Pa" and Herbie Stribling, in the corner of the Georgian and "Ma" Stribling, fashionably attired and seated at ringside within a few feet of her son.

"Referee Lewis saved McTigue from a knockout by separating the fighters in that tenth round," was "Ma's" crisp comment after the fight. "William L. would be the champion but for that."

"Pa" declared his son's triumph proved conclusively that he was entitled to the verdict in the previous match in Georgia.

Paddy Mullins, manager of the champion, admitting defeat, asserted McTigue "had no causes to fear."

Fight By Rounds.

Round one—Stribling led twice with his left but missed. He landed two lefts to the head at close quarters and McTigue shot over his right. Stribling cut in a right to the jaw and McTigue was wild in counter-attacking. They were sparring at long range at the bell.

Round two—McTigue landed a right and left to the body and they clinched. The younger drove in a left to the stomach and followed with a battery of lefts to the jaw that drove the champion to the ropes. They both protested to the referee after a clinch, each claiming the other was hitting unfairly.

Stribling landed a left to the jaw and McTigue countered with a right. McTigue clipped Stribling on the head with a right but several stiff lefts to the body and head. The bell rang as they were sparring.

Round three—Stribling rushed McTigue but missed, the champion landed his right. Stribling snapped McTigue's head back with a left and easily scored the champion's counter. As they came to grips the youngster pointed McTigue's head to the right. McTigue was aggressive but was sent back with a stiff right to the head and the crowd was in an uproar. The champion was mistaking repeatedly as they time to close quarters. They were in a clinch at the bell.

Round four—Stribling stung McTigue with a left jab and pounded the champion fiercely as they came to close range. McTigue gave ground under the Georgian's clashing attack, but did not seem badly hurt. Stribling forced McTigue to the ropes with a wild rush, landing his left several times. McTigue was jabbing the youngster back when the gong rang.

Round five—They sparred at long range and the champion landed two of his rival's rushes. They clinched repeatedly amid the boos of the crowd. McTigue landed a light right and they clinched again. The challenger easily ducked a right and dug his left into the champion's ribs and chin. They were in a clinch at the end of the round.

Round six—Stribling rushed in and landed his left to the jaw. They wrestled in a clinch and the Georgian pounded the back of McTigue's head. Stribling landed a hard right hook to the champion's head. McTigue showed little aggressiveness and seemed content to block and clinch. Stribling jabbed with his lightning left repeatedly without drawing a return. He jarred the champion with one punch to the jaw, but took a right in return. McTigue landed a right to the ribs at the bell.

Round seven—McTigue opened the round with his first real attack, landing a right and left to the head. Stribling, however, jarred the champion with a straight left to the chin but took

PICKS U.S. TEAM TO WIN OLYMPIC

Says Their Athletes More Formidable and Better Organized.

(By Henry L. Farrell.)

New York, April 1.—(United Press)—It is well to prepare the American Olympic team for competition in the Olympic games at Paris next summer under conditions that would cause the athletes to feel that the games are not won when their ship pushed her nose out into the Hudson.

It is wise to tell the youngsters who are getting ready for their first taste of Olympic competition that they will have to work hard, train continuously and be in shape to do their best. But there is no reason that they should be made to feel like saps or suckers.

The athletes who will be selected to go to Paris know that the American team is going to have competition, but they also know that the outlook is not as dark as it is being painted.

The American team will be composed of men, and the warning: "If you're not good the policeman will get you," will not have the same effect on them it would have on a child.

Until recently, it seemed that the United States was in grave danger of being defeated in the Olympic track and field games. The power shown by Finland in 1920 at Antwerp, and the form shown by one or two Finnish athletes since then, caused a great fear to fall upon the United States.

There is no reason to expect a calamity. There are reasons to know that the United States will have a contest in Paris, but victory is empty without a real contest, and the United States never has been really tested before.

Finland made such a good showing in Antwerp because the American team was crippled by injuries, while the Finns were free from competition or impaired the form of such stars as Sol Butler, Jole Ray and Matt McGrath. The Finns also made the best of what material they had, while the management of the American team didn't get nearly what should have been gotten out of the Americans.

Apparently the American committee thought that the United States had a clinch victory in sight and that it was an occasion for the manipulation of a little politics.

Potential winners, like Jake Driscoll, the quarter-mile, and Dandrow, the five Massachusetts Tech hammer-thrower, were left sitting in the stands, while less competent athletes were sent in to do what political whims might be satisfied.

Without going into any details at the time when form and figures mean little, it would seem that the American team is better organized, and that means at least 40 per cent. of the burden. The best athletes in the country will go and the best of the men selected will be the Americans.

The Americans will show better in the broad jump, the pentathlon and the quarter-mile, half mile, the mile, the distance events, the shot, the hammer-throw, the discus-throw and the javelin.

American supremacy is sure to be maintained in the sprints and the sprint relays, the hurdles and the high-jump. Norway may win the pole-vault, but it is doubtful. Because Hoff, a Norwegian, broke the world's record last summer, but he has not been taken into consideration for the Paris Olympics.

The United States ought to win the shot-put, an event that was lost at Antwerp. The United States is sure to win the broad-jump, an event that was lost at Antwerp. The United States has more than an even chance to win the 440 and 880-yard runs, both of which were lost at Antwerp.

Chances are even for the pentathlon and the decathlon. The javelin-throw should be conceded to Finland, but that is because no one can throw with those Finns.

If the French committee decides to count only first place in each event, the United States may have a contest with Finland, but there is no reason to cry in advance that Uncle Sam hasn't much of a chance to win more events than the Finns.

If the committee decides to award points for five places, or six places, in each event, the United States is sure to win because there are at least four events in which the Americans will make a clean sweep of every point.

Perhaps it would be well to start telling the American youngsters that they have a good chance to win and keep them from getting a notion that they are going over just to show how they can "take it."

Every American that is called upon to answer the gun in Paris will try just as hard to win whether the team is 200 points ahead in the score or hopelessly beaten in the rear.

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