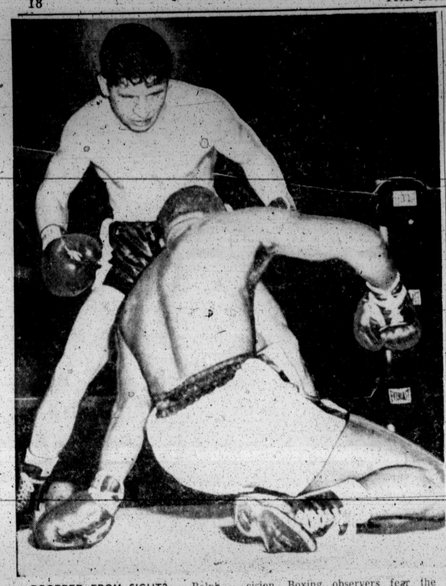

DROPPED FROM SIGHT?— Ralph (Tiger) Jones, floored by Joey Giardello in their Miami Beach (Fla.) main event Friday night, may have dropped more than the 10-round decision. Boxing observers fear the Yonkers, N.Y., veteran may have lost the chance for a shot at the middleweight title held by Carmen Basilio.

Star-studded field awaits indoor track season opener

Two members of the 1956 U.S. Olympic team (one of them a world record holder), an N.C.A.A. champion, one of America's best milers, and 23 college and club teams are slated to appear in the All Eastern Indoor games scheduled for Saturday, January 11, at the Fifth Regiment Armory.

Ira Davis, LaSalle, College, and Josh Culbreath, Quantico Marines, are the Olympians. Culbreath established the world record for the 440 hurdles last August with a 50.5 performance. He will run the 600 here and Davis is entered in the 60-dash and mile relay.

MORGAN STATE College's Bob McMurray as the N.C.A.A. 440 champion, as well as the N.I.A.A. champ at the same distance, and will toe the mark along with Culbreath in the 600.

Burr Grim, University of Maryland winner Sugar Bowl Mile, has a 4:06.5 mile to his credit and is considered one of the best of Uncle Sam's eight furlong chasers. He will be out to better the Armory record of 4:12.3.

A total of 23 colleges and clubs have entered to date almost 200 athletes. This for an all-time record entry, and it comes a week before entries officially close with co-chairman Fred Leidig and Bill Jimeson. It is possible that several more teams might slip in entries before the official deadline on Friday.

THE 60-YARD dash is headed by Davis and Fort Meade's Ken Kave, while the 60-yard high hurdles is crammed with talent.

In the high sticks Elias Gilbert, Winston Salem Teachers College, probably the number one hurdler on this year's indoor circuit, George Hearn, North Carolina College (he set a new inter-scholastic record 13.9—last Spring), Al Turner, LaSalle College, and Gilbert's teammate, Francis Washington; head an all-star array for this event.

TWO MILES in addition to Culbreath and McMurray, has drawn Joe Gaffney, Shanahan C.C., and Bruce Shenk, West Chester Teachers College. Grim will fight it out in the mile with his college roommate, Carl Party, who will be running for the Baltimore Olympic Club, and Bob Berry, Morgan, who won this event last year.

The two-mile lists Buzz Sawyer, Baltimore Olympics' sensational distance runner, Bob DeTombe, William and Mary college's flash that broke one records everytime out this Fall in cross-country, and nine others.

In the mile relay, 21 teams will be matched up in sections, and the two-mile relay has drawn ten teams also to be matched up in sections.

IBC denies Machen intends to bolt

CHICAGO (ANP) — The International Boxing Club last week called a report that heavyweight contender Eddie Machen and his manager, Sid Flaherty, are planning to quit the IBC in order to obtain a title fight with Floyd Patterson "completely erroneous" and devoid of truth.

The denial came as a result of queries by this department, on rumors that Flaherty and his fighter were seeking to come to terms with Manager Cus D'Amato, who directs the fistic destiny of Patterson".

Machen is the No. 1 contender and the man most eligible by record and performance for an early title match with Patterson. However, the match has been stymied by a feud between D'Amato and President Jim Norris of the IBC.

FLAHERTY, the IBC's biggest booster on the West Coast, had been quoted in the Philadelphia Independent, as saying that he was ready to come to terms with D'Amato for a title fight under an independent promoter.

The paper quoted Flaherty as saying "Machen is ready to challenge Floyd Patterson in order any promotion that Cus D'Amato may select." This was an indication that Flaherty was planning a break with IBC.

HOWEVER, a spokesman for the IBC quickly brushed off such speculations as "pure rumor". "There's nothing to it. It is a completely erroneous report" IBC matchmaker Ben Bentley asserted. "It is purely speculation, and I wouldn't worry about it a bit."

N.C. Eagles coach named to State ranking board

DURHAM, N.C. — Floyd H. Brown, basketball coach at North Carolina College, has been selected North Carolina representative for the Ranking Board for College Division Basketball Teams in North Carolina.

The board is being set up in cooperation with the NCAA and the United Press. According to Walter Byers, NCAA executive director, "The United Press has requested that we select one man in each state to serve on the Basketball Ranking Board, and each Monday these persons shall file their listings of the top ten college division teams to various UP offices via collect telegram prepaid rate."

ANY FOUR-YEAR degree-granting institution is eligible for the college division rating provided the institution is not listed in NCAA major statistical basketball releases and does not hold membership in one of the allied NCAA conferences whose championship team automatically qualifies for the National Collegiate Basketball (University Division) Tournament."

Brown has previously served on several national statistical and national tournament committees.

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