

Sporting Comment

St. Louis and Kansas City Amateur Boxers Meet in the Auditorium Tonight . . . The Night of the Ross-Armstrong Fight . . . "Phog" Allen Will Conduct a Basketball and Athletic Injury Treatment School in June

(By The Star's Sports Editor.)

CLASSIEST of amateur boxers of St. Louis and Kansas City will meet in the Auditorium ring tonight, the receipts beyond the expenses, which have been held to a minimum, to go to the Shrine hospitals for crippled children.

Patrons of amateur boxing and all others who like fast action and plenty of it in their sports will find royal entertainment in this show.

The Kansas City boxers have a score to even with their St. Louis cousins. Several weeks ago the Kansas City boys lost in an intercity show in St. Louis, so tonight they will be fighting to even the slate.

The customers will find popular prices at the box office, the show will be a worth-while entertainment in its line, and the money goes to a worthy charity.

Barney Must Be at His Best.

THIS is the night that may see Barney Ross come to the end of the way as a champion and the elevation of another Negro fighter, Henry Armstrong, to the throne.

The main question seems to be—can Ross weather the terrific Armstrong punching?

Ross is rated the smarter fighter and certainly he has gone to the fistic wars for a greater experience than has Armstrong. Armstrong is young, but Ross is not old. Armstrong has been on a steady fighting diet, Ross has been coasting....and that may make a difference.

Ross can hit and he is clever. Armstrong knows nothing of cleverness, but throws his all into a tornado of blows. And he carries a K. O. punch.

On Ross's ability to withstand the shock of the Armstrong punches depends his chance of victory. In his McLarnin fights Barney showed that he could weather storms and absorb punches. If he is the Barney Ross of the McLarnin fights he should win.

But if he is a Barney Ross faded several degrees from the Ross who marched against McLarnin he may be nearing the end of his triumphant pugilistic journey as he wears away the hours before his meeting with Henry Armstrong in the Long Island fistic bowl tonight.

A "Phog" Allen Coaching School.

SEVERAL letters have come to this department making inquiries as to whether "Phog" Allen, basketball coach and author, will appear as a faculty member in a basketball coaching school this summer.

So we put the question to the K. U. coach himself.

The question brought the information that the Kansas coach has received fifteen letters of inquiry on the same subject. The letters cover a wide territory—from Maine to California and Oregon, to Texas in the South.

"I will be in Lawrence all summer, working on our physical education program," the Kansas coach said this morning, "and numerous inquiries regarding a coaching school have about convinced me that such a school over a week's time might be a good thing to hold right here in Lawrence. There hasn't been a coaching school here in about ten years, so I believe I'll do it."

The Kansas coach said that if he goes through with the idea the school of basketball and treatment of athletic injuries will be for one week, June 13 to 18.