

Maxim Decisions Lesnevich

Win Carries Light Heavy Championship

Foe's Boxing Skill Too Much For Ring Veteran; Promoter Heavy Loser

CINCINNATI, May 24.—(AP)—There's an old maxim that a steady drop of water will wear away the hardest stone.

And a Maxim proved that old maxim last night. Joe Maxim of Cleveland parlayed robust youth and the drop of water—a flicking left hand—into the NBA light heavyweight championship of America.

Joe, one of the lightest hitters in the business, used his rapier-like left to spear a decision in 15 rounds over 34-year-old Gus Lesnevich of Cliffside, N. J., who last July 26 lost his world's title to Freddie Mills in England.

Only 6,931 fans braved the rain to pay a gross gate of \$56,151.50, and a net of \$40,429.08. That left promoter Sam Becker some \$45,000 in the hole, after paying the fighters and other expenses.

Lesnevich went out like a champion. He was unmarked, except for a slight bruise beside his left eye. He said he had no alibi, and that he lost because he couldn't keep his face away from Maxim's flicking left.

Lesnevich swarmed all over Maxim to take the last round by a country mile. But he had dropped the six right ahead of it as his 34-year-old legs failed to keep up with his fighting heart.

Maxim, also unmarked, said he was stunned a couple of times by Lesnevich's winging rights in the early rounds, but that the punches which really hurt were lefts to his midsection.

Becker said the fighters had agreed to a rematch this summer in case Lesnevich lost, and that a meeting on that angle would be held today.

Beavers Get Outfielder Marquez From Cleveland

CLEVELAND, May 24.—(AP)—The Cleveland Indians have optioned outfielder Lou Marquez to Portland of the Pacific Coast League.

Marquez, who was in the Cuban League last year, had been playing with Newark of the International League. He was claimed by both the Indians and the New York Yankees, but baseball Commissioner Chandler awarded him to the Tribe.

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FRIDAY HEADLINER—Al "Pinky" Cowan is a harmless looking lad with fists that land like a hard-swung sledge-hammer, as any fight man who has seen the Spokane lad in action will attest. He will oppose Mickey Gimmell, Redding, Calif., in an eight-rounder here Friday night. The action will take place at the Roseburg Armory. A second main event and two preliminaries will round out the card. (Photo Lab picture.)

Rookie Sievers Tops Batters In American League

CHICAGO, May 24.—(AP)—Rookie Roy Sievers, who made his start in the St. Louis sandlots, has taken over the American League batting lead with .375.

The Browns' 22-year-old outfielder is nine percentage points ahead of another rookie, slugging Gus Zernial of Chicago, who holds second with .366 in averages computed through Sunday's games. Zernial has stepped to the plate 123 times while Sievers has made only 72 trips. The White Sox freshman dropped 13 points below his mark of a week ago.

Dom DiMaggio of Boston moved from fourth to third with .349 although skidding 20 points for the week.

Other leaders were George Kell of Detroit with .343; Eddie Joost, Philadelphia, .342; Ted Williams, Boston, .327; (a 28-point climb for the week); Gordon Goldsberry, Chicago, and Dale Mitchell, Cleveland, .326 apiece; Tommy Henrich, New York, .324; Eddie Robinson, Washington, and Bob Dillinger, St. Louis, each with .322.

In the specialized department, Williams was tops in runs-batted-in with a boost of five to 32; Joost added 10 more runs for a 40 total; Boston's Vern Stephens fattened his homer production by three for 11; Mitchell had six triples and Zernial punched three more doubles for a bag of 15. Kell led in hits with 46 and Dillinger was the best base stealer with four thefts.

New York's Eddie Lopat head-

Four Big Bouts Await Fans On Friday's Bill

Spider Renaud Battles Wescott in One Prelim; Bennett Is Shaping Up

By DAN MINDOLOVICH
Requests by Douglas County fight fans to bill Spider Renaud on a Roseburg fight card prompted Promoters Ernie Nazelrod and Sandy Sanders to sign the Portland fighter against Lyle Wescott, Roseburg National Guardsman, in a four-round preliminary at the Roseburg Armory Friday night, Nazelrod announced today.

Fans who saw Renaud fight in Portland had nothing but praise for him and they just naturally figured other boxing spectators would enjoy him, too. Reportedly, Renaud has a clever style that is hard to figure out. This feature, plus plenty of hard, dynamic punching, puts the Portland gladiator in a class of fighters that guarantees top ring performance, Nazelrod indicated.

Dick Callie will figure in the other four-rounder. A suitable opponent is in the process of being procured for Douglas County's pile-driving puncher from Winchester.

A grim contest is anticipated in the eight-round battle between Al "Pinky" Cowan and Mickey Gimmell. Both fighters are well-known here as de luxe crowd-pleasers. This is another battle between a boxer and a slugger, with Gimmell favoring the point system, while Cowan likes to win his battles via the knockout road.

Orrock Vs. Bennett
The other half of the double main-event brings together her dancin' prancer, Sonny Orrock of Spokane, and Deputy Sheriff Dallas Bennett of Douglas County. Orrock has shown more contempt than respect for previous opponents engaged here, but he plans to play it straight and seriously on the coming card.

Reallizing Bennett is no cub at the fight game, Orrock will dispense with the clowning and get down to business in a hurry. Bennett, who accepted Orrock's challenge to battle with gloves, is presently working off poundage and shaping up at the Army training stable.

No Substitutions
The card is unique in that no fighter has ever fought his opponent either locally or in other rings. Promoter Nazelrod said program changes will be avoided this weekend as all fighters are being held to a contract. Disciplinary action will be taken by the Boxing Commission in the event any fighter fails to appear—barring legitimate excuses, such as illness.

Tickets are currently available at Vally's, J.V. Sporting Goods Store, Monarch Cigar Store, and Swede Yang's at Camp View. Ringside seats are going at \$2.40 and \$2.00. General admission is \$1.50 and children are \$1.00, tax included.

ed the pitchers by southpawing to four wins without a setback. Hal Newhouse of Detroit led in strikeouts with 40.

YOURSELF

SPORTS



BIG FISH—There's a look of satisfaction on the face of Al Daventport here, as he holds up the big fish he caught at Umpqua the other day. A Chinook, it weighed 49½ pounds. (Picture by Master Photo Shop.)

Homers Chief Win Factors In Big Leagues

Stephens, Henrich Pace Bat Welders; Braves Now Top National Loop

By JOE REICHLER
(Associated Press Sports Writer)

Undoubtedly two of the greatest "money players" in baseball today are Vern Stephens of the Boston Red Sox and Tommy Henrich of the New York Yankees.

Stephens is hitting only around .270, but he leads the majors in home runs and runs batted in. Henrich, whose nine-year batting average is only .282, gets most of his hits when they count. He's hitting .320 now, is second in home runs and up among the leaders in runs batted in.

Each has been responsible for a half a dozen victories for his club. Stephens has 11 home runs and four of them broke up ball games. Henrich has eight round trippers and half of those decided games. Three times this year Stephens batted in five runs in a game.

Both Stephens and Henrich hit homers yesterday to help their teams win. Vern cracked his 11th into the right field bullpen with Ted Williams on base to pave the way for Boston's 4-0 triumph over Detroit. It came in the third inning with two out.

Henrich's blast came in the first inning, with two mates aboard to enable the Yankees to overcome a 2-0 deficit. The Yankees went on from there to win over the St. Louis Browns, 10-3.

Braves Top League
The Boston Braves took undisputed possession of first place in the National League by defeating the Cubs in Chicago, 11-4. It was the only game in the National League. The victory opened up a half game spread between the Braves and the runner-up, New York Giants.

Vern Bickford allowed 10 hits but went all the way for the Braves to register his sixth victory against two defeats. Marv Rickert paced the Braves at bat

Bud Ward Wins Golf Title At Pendleton

PENDLETON, May 24.—(AP)—Finishing 13 strokes ahead of his nearest rival and 14 under the 72-hole par of 280, Bud Ward, Spokane amateur, sauntered off with the 1949 Pendleton open golf championship yesterday.

Yesterday's 67-68 on the final 36 holes gave him a low gross of 266.

Emery Zimmerman, Portland professional, shot a pair of 70s to card a gross 279 and claim \$450 of the \$1,500 professional pool.

Among the pros, Gordon Richards of Seattle was second with 280 and defending champion Chuck Congdon of Tacoma and Zimmerman trailed him with 285.

TRACK MEET TODAY
Coach Jack Newby reported an inter-class track meet will be run off at Finlay Field this afternoon. Tenth, eleventh and twelfth graders will compete.

with a home run, single and double and drove in five runs. Walt Dubial was the loser.

The world champion Cleveland Indians broke out of a losing slump to defeat the Philadelphia Athletics 7-3.

Early Wynn, obtained from Washington in a winter trade, went the route for his first triumph with the Indians. He allowed six hits. A five-run fourth against relief pitcher Charlie Harris put the game on ice for Cleveland.

Randy Gumpert hurled a three-hitter against Washington as the Chicago White Sox whipped the Nats, 3-1.

Singles by rookies Gus Zernial and Jerry Scala brought in the winning runs. The triumph put the White Sox into third place, a game behind the Athletics.

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Chiefs Dated Tonight With Reedsport

Richardson Gets Nod For Mound Duty; Crescents Scheduled Here Sunday

Tonight at Finlay Field, the Roseburg Umpqua Chiefs face Reedsport in a non-league baseball contest. Wally Richardson, with two wins and no losses to his credit, is scheduled to hurl the nine-inning affair, according to Manager Earl Sargent. Game time is 8 o'clock.

The Chiefs are enjoying an early season winning streak, having beaten five out of six teams, including two league opponents.

The addition of Bill Schermer to the local squad is expected to enhance Roseburg's prospects considerably. In the Prospect action Sunday, the diminutive right fielder hit three for five times—a good average in anybody's ball game.

Other recent additions, including Pitches Claude Buckley from Oregon Normal at Monmouth and Barney Koch, now coaching at Tigard, should make the Chiefs a baseball powerhouse with which to be reckoned in Southern Oregon League play.

Crescents Here Sunday
Sunday, the Chiefs entertain Crescent City on the local baseball diamond. Buckley is tentatively scheduled to pitch the contest for Roseburg and Koch may get away from Tigard to take over second base for the Chiefs.

A Memorial Day classic has been lined up and the Medford Craters are the opponents. Manager Sargent said. Although the Craters are members of the Southern Oregon League, the contest will be of non-league status. Sargent said the two clubs will play a separate series that will not figure in the League standings.

Sargent also indicated a game may be played Thursday of this week, provided a suitable opponent can be lined up. He indicated it is difficult to arrange non-league affairs too far in advance and for this reason it is sometimes impossible to determine who the opponent will be until a day or so before the game is scheduled.

JOE

BASEBALL STANDINGS			
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
New York	20	10	.667
Philadelphia	19	15	.559
Chicago	18	17	.515
Boston	17	14	.550
Washington	15	17	.471
Detroit	14	16	.469
Cleveland	12	17	.414
St. Louis	9	21	.294

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Boston	20	12	.625
New York	19	12	.613
Brooklyn	17	15	.531
Pittsburgh	16	17	.485
Philadelphia	15	15	.500
Pittsburgh	14	18	.438
St. Louis	12	18	.400
Chicago	10	19	.345

Sconce Scores 6 Points With Javelin At Meet

Six points garnered by Roseburg at the state prep track meet held at Corvallis Friday and Saturday of last week were posted by Bob Sconce's 167-foot one-inch javelin toss in the Saturday finals. He was third, being beaten out by Ralph Sutton of Bend, who threw for 179 feet six inches and Joe Caruthers of Grants Pass, who was second with a 173-foot seven-inch toss.

Sconce made the finals by placing sixth in the Friday preliminaries. He threw the shaft 159 feet eight inches in the earlier action.

Ervin Stritzke was beaten out by 11 other miler in that event Saturday. No preliminaries were held in the mile run.

Grade Schools To Vie In Track Contests Thursday

Roseburg grade schools will hold a track meet at Finlay Field Thursday, May 26.

Both girls and boys will compete by sexes. The pupils will compete in one of three divisions—prewee, lightweight or heavyweight. From 150-200 pupils are expected to compete in the various events, which will include shuttle and standard relays, sprints, runs, baseball throwing and broad-jumping.

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Try-Out Shows DiMaggio Not Yet Ready To Play

NEW YORK, May 24.—(AP)—The status of Joe DiMaggio today remained as uncertain as ever.

Nobody knows just when the famous convalescent of the New York Yankees will be able to play. Even Joe refuses to hazard a guess.

One thing is certain—he is not ready right now, not even for pinch hitting purposes.

The \$90,000 slugger donned a uniform yesterday for the first time since he re-injured his ailing right heel last April 11. He engaged in a half hour's batting practice session. Then he shagged flies for 10 minutes. The net result—a handful of blisters and sore back muscles from swinging at too many pitches.

Because of that he will not take any hitting practice today. But he hopes to get in a little fielding practice.

Weather Limits Archery Contest Entrants

Weather kept away many who have participated in the archery golf match at the Roseburg Veterans Hospital Saturday. But those who did show up were enthusiastic about the game.

An archery golf range is made up of nine holes or targets over a distance of 2,300 yards. Par is 27.

Of those shooting Saturday, Frank Grubbe made the course in 27; Simons, 36; Woods, 37; Thurlow (playing a double round), 33-31; Ulrich, 38-32.

Play will be resumed on the course next Saturday afternoon. If sufficient interest develops, an archery club will be formed.

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