

LaMotta Given Knockout Title Verdict

Cerdan Pulls Muscle In First Round

Bout Stopped In Tenth After Frenchman Puts Up One-Handed Battle

By CHARLES C. CAINE
DETROIT, June 17.—(AP)—The "new" Jake LaMotta today holds the world middleweight boxing title he chased for eight years, but he doesn't know when he can cash in on the prize.

LaMotta, an official 10th round knockout winner over Marcel Cerdan of Casablanca here last night, has a bad hand to show for his trouble. Cerdan, the dethroned champ, has a pulled shoulder muscle.

Jake probably will have x-rays taken of the puffed-up left mitt today. Cerdan's handlers said they would fly Marcel to New York today for further examination.

That leaves the return match a must according to the original contract—up in the air.

Jake must meet Marcel again in his first defense with each receiving 30 percent of the gate in his first defense. The site and date have yet to be determined.

LaMotta's 15 percent cut last night amounts to about \$19,171, but he has to leave his money in escrow until he makes his defense. Marcel will get 40 percent or about \$51,124.00 of the net gate of \$127,810.

Cerdan Hurt In 1st Round

It was the first championship defense for the courageous, 32-year-old Frenchman, who saw his title slip away after he suffered an injury to his shoulder in the opening round of the scheduled 15-round bout.

Cerdan was able to use his left only once or twice after the injury and he took a terrific body beating before Referee Johnny Webber finally halted the fight after the ninth round bell.

Webber was summoned to Cerdan's corner by the Frenchman's handlers who explained that their man was in acute pain.

After Dr. Joseph Cahalan of the Michigan Boxing Commission examined the disabled fighter, Webber called LaMotta over and raised his arm in token of victory.

Under Michigan rules, the fight was entered in record books as a 10 round knockout.

Cerdan Badly Maused

The sudden ending came as a surprise even though the crowd of 22,183 fans—most of them LaMotta supporters—had seen Cerdan fight gamely for several rounds using only his right hand.

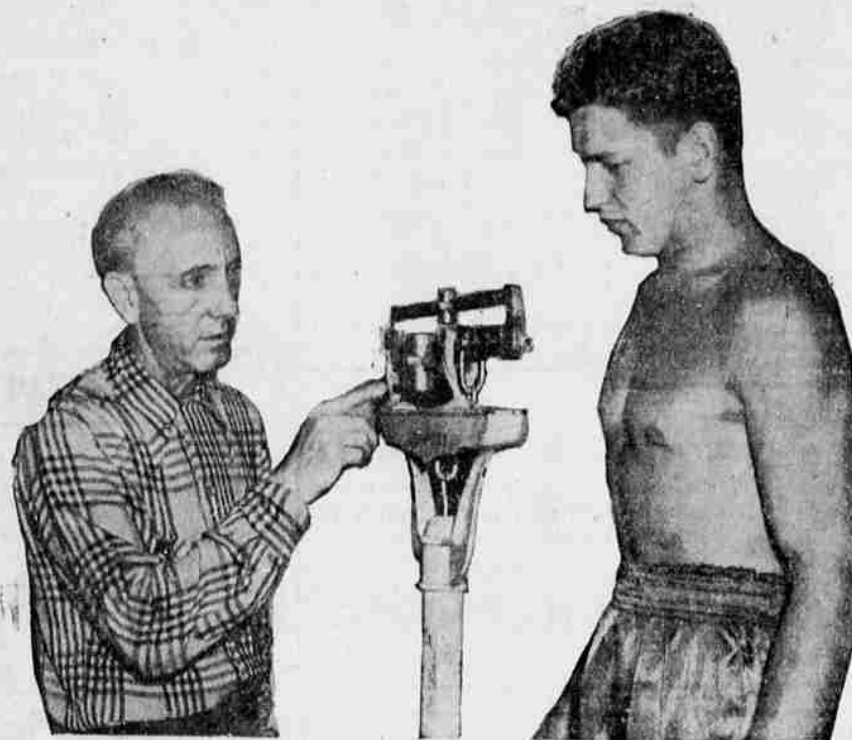
LaMotta took command from the opening bell and even in the first round when Cerdan's shoulder was okay, Jake won the round on the cards of the three ring officials.

After the first round, every round followed about the same pattern. That called for Jake—an 8 to 5 underdog—to cut loose with a barrage of punches that kept Cerdan in trouble.

The Frenchman at 154 had a pound advantage over Jake, but that was about the only edge he had in the fight.

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SPORTS



JOLTIN' JOE KAHUT WEIGHS IN—Kahut's manager, Jack Capri, checks the scales in the Medical Arts building, prior to the arrival of the Boxing Commission physician. "Right on the money," Manager Capri said, after reading the figure. The Woodburn agriculturist fights Roseburg's Babe "Hardrock" Gordon in a 10-round main event at Finlay Field tonight. The initial bout starts at 7:30.

Stojack, Pacer Favored On Paper To Win Team Match From Weaver-Hayamaki Duo

Douglas County ringbirds have established the wrestling tandem of Frankie Stojack and Lefty Pacer as the favorites in the tag-team tilt featuring the weekly mat show at the Roseburg Armory Saturday night. They meet Buck Weaver and Sugi Hayamaki.

Close observers of the sport point out that the 15-pound weight advantage carried by Pacer, the Detroit villain, and the airplane spin employed by Stojack, the recently-dethroned Coast junior-heavyweight champ, will be too much for Weaver and Hayamaki to combat.

Weaver won on a disqualification to Pacer here last week, but the ex-Indiana football star and fancy diving champion, is a potent mat workman with his neck-breaker, drop-kicks and tackles.

Hayamaki, the transplanted Jap from Oklahoma, is a past-master at jiu-jitsu and these tactics may go a long way in a four-man affair that requires the grapplers to go at full steam when not resting in their corners. Hayamaki hasn't been here since he beat Tony Ross in a judo jacket match,

but followers know well his ability to put opponents to sleep with his nerve-tangler.

So, it looks like Pacer and Stojack will match one deadly hold and brute strength against the cuteness and agility of two lighter grapplers.

Prior to the headliner, which will provide sustained action from the starting bell until a fall is scored, will be two one-fall preliminaries involving the same four matmen.

Opening the card at 8 p.m. (a half-hour earlier than usual because of a benefit dance later in the evening) will be a match between Weaver and Stojack—which should be a scientific classic. The second bout will send Hayamaki against Pacer.

The program promises to be packed with action and color, and one of the largest crowds of the summer is anticipated.

Elton Owen will be on hand to referee all three bouts.

LEAGUE LEADERS

By the Associated Press
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Batting—Kell, Detroit, .47; DiMaggio, Boston and Joss, Philadelphia, .320.
Runs batted in—Williams, Boston, 59.
Home runs—Joss, Philadelphia, 10.
Stolen bases—Joss, Philadelphia, 15.
Pitching—Raschi, New York, 10-1, .909.
Reynolds, New York, 7-1, .875.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Batting—Robinson, Brooklyn, .333.
Schmidt, St. Louis, .340.
Runs batted in—Robinson, Brooklyn, 57.
Home runs—Kier, Pittsburgh, 14; Semick, Philadelphia, 12.
Pitching—Rever, Pittsburgh, 4-0, 1.000.
Branca, Brooklyn, 8-2, .800.

BASEBALL STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.
New York	35	19	.648
Detroit	31	24	.564
Philadelphia	30	25	.545
Cleveland	27	28	.491
Washington	26	29	.472
Boston	25	27	.481
Chicago	23	22	.511
St. Louis	16	38	.296

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.
Brooklyn	31	22	.583
St. Louis	31	22	.583
Boston	31	24	.564
Philadelphia	29	25	.538
New York	28	25	.528
Cincinnati	22	31	.415
Pittsburgh	21	33	.389
Chicago	19	35	.352

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.
Hollywood	32	30	.516
Seattle	47	39	.549
San Diego	32	37	.463
Sacramento	38	40	.487
Oakland	36	42	.461
San Francisco	26	43	.379
Portland	33	45	.423
Los Angeles	24	37	.392

Fishing Tackle Tax Bill

Backed By Wildlife Group

SEATTLE, June 17.—(AP)—Wildlife experts of the 11 western states, in conference here, were urged by speakers to ask their congressmen to back the Dingle Bill. This would tax the sale of fishing tackle, with the money going for improvements of fish resources.

C. R. Gutermuth, vice president of the Wildlife Management Institute, warned the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners they must take action to protect state rights in big game control.

He said in some Western areas only one per cent of the deer and elk crop was being harvested by hunters on range so badly overgrazed that 20 per cent of the animals died during the winter. Unless the states corrected the situation, he said, they could expect the federal government to take control.

Underground Caverns
Mammoth Cave is the largest underground cavern in the world. It is situated in southwestern Kentucky.

Kahut, Gordon Ready For Biff Duel Tonight

Headliners' Condition Promises Torrid Bout; Large Crowd Indicated

By DAN MINDOLOVICH

In the language of those about to meet the enemy, "This is it." Joe Kahut and manager Jack Capri have returned to Roseburg after making a tour of Southern Oregon cities, where Kahut sparring several exhibition rounds prior to meeting Roseburg's Babe "Hardrock" Gordon at Finlay Field tonight.

Gordon worked out briefly at the Armory training quarters, Thursday, loosening up with punching bag drills and shadow boxing.

Kahut and Capri paid an impromptu visit to the Armory last night, and the opponents were introduced by promoter Ernie Naz-elrod.

Both remembered the other as having fought on the same card one night in Los Angeles. No reference was made to the coming card.

Kahut's manager indicated his charge is in top form for the 10-round tussle tonight.

"We had some pretty fair work-outs in Medford and Grants Pass this week," Capri said. He related that a large turnout of fans were on hand to see Kahut spar Paul "Tiger" Kennedy and local boxers.

Capri said the fans were enthusiastic about the coming fight and indications are that a large number will motor to Roseburg to see Kahut and Gordon mix it up.

Many Southern Oregon residents find it difficult to travel to Portland and other large cities to see fighters like Kahut in action, and Capri sees Kahut's visit to Roseburg as a real opportunity for fight fans.

After Friday's fight, both Kahut and Manager Capri expect to leave for the east, where the Oregon battler will join the ranks of those fighting to gain the heavyweight title.

Only one man was able to knock out Kahut to date. Gus Lesnevich did the trick in Portland. Prior to this defeat, Joltin' Joe decided Joe Maxim in a 15-round ring duel, also in Portland.

Recently, Maxim won the light-heavyweight crown by defeating Lesnevich, which puts Kahut right up near the top as far as prospective title contenders go.

Gordon Confident

Roseburg's Hardrock Gordon appears to be fully aware of the importance of tonight's battle. A win for Gordon would put him right up with the top-bracket boxers. The "Babe" is confident he has the ability and punch to make it rough for Kahut. Those who have seen Gordon work out concur.

Other fighters appearing on tonight's card include Mickey Gimmell, Roseburg vs. Al "Pinky" Cowan, Spokane. The Gimmell-Cowan go is scheduled for eight rounds. In a six-round special event, Paul "Tiger" Kennedy, Portland, meets Kenny Kars, Roseburg. A four-round curtain raiser set to start at 7:30 p. m., will feature Sonny Leary, New York and Ron Collins, Salem.

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Chiefs Awaiting Sunday Tilt With Central Point

The Umpqua Chiefs Drain town team game, originally scheduled for last night at Finlay Field, was called off, when it was learned that several Drain players would be unable to appear.

This leaves the Chiefs with nothing to do but twiddle their thumbs until the Sunday afternoon Southern Oregon League game to be played at Finlay Field against Central Point.

Probable starting pitcher in Sunday's action will be Don Reed, a recent addition to the Roseburg organization from Jefferson, Oregon, where he is coach during the regular school year.

Technically Reed is top hitter on the Roseburg club, with an even 500 batting average. In four games, Reed has six official trips to the plate credited to him.

Of 57 opponents who have faced Reed, 15 went down swinging. He walked five and allowed 15 hits, good for three runs, so far.

Newest addition to the Roseburg organization is Bobby Sanders, who may do some catching for the Chiefs during the balance of the season.

One of young Sanders' ambitions, sister-in-law Arda Sanders said, is to play a ball game with brothers George and Virg. Bobby, who just graduated from Senior High, played ball with the Indians.

"If the older brothers' ability to hit, field, steal bases and sacrifice is transmitted to the younger lad, his addition to the squad should not handicap the Chiefs in any way," stated a rabid Roseburg enthusiast.

Sunday's game starts at 2 p. m.

Waitkus Unlikely To Play Again This Year

CHICAGO, June 17.—(AP)—Eddie Waitkus will play major league baseball again—but probably not this season—says one of the physicians attending the seriously wounded Philadelphia Phillies' first baseman.

Dr. L. L. Braun, team physician for the Chicago Cubs, said it was "still uncertain" whether Waitkus, shot near the heart by an infuriated teenage girl, will be back in the Phillies lineup this season.

"But I am quite sure," Dr. Braun said, "he will be back playing baseball. Just when it will be I cannot say."

A large crowd of fans will be on hand to see the possible future heavyweight champion perform tonight.



MAJOR LEAGUER SHOT BY GIRL—Eddie Waitkus, 29, (left), Philadelphia Phillies' star first baseman, was shot and seriously wounded in the Chicago hotel room of a 19-year-old girl identified by police as Ruth Steinhagen of Chicago. The girl (right) told police she didn't know the ball player and police said Waitkus went to the room in response to a note from her. (AP Wirephoto)

Stars Still Hold 5 1/2-Game Lead

By JIM BACON

Associated Press Sportswriter

The Hollywood Stars roll merrily along at the top of the Pacific Coast League while their cross-town neighbor, Los Angeles unerringly dwells in the cellar.

Although Walt Drapo of Sacramento became the third PCL slugger in history to lift a ball over Hollywood's 422-foot centerfield wall, the Stars, nevertheless, edged the Solons, 4 to 3, Thursday night. It was Jim Baxes' ninth-inning homer that broke the 3-3 deadlock.

The win kept the Stars 5 1/2 games ahead of Seattle which literally walked its way to a 3-to-2 win over San Francisco. Seals' pitcher Jack Brewer passed pinch-hitter Heinz Becker with the bases loaded in the last of the ninth for the winning run. Charlie Schanz and John Hoffman held the Seals to four hits.

Homers by Gordon Goldsberry and Billy Martin gave the Oakland Oaks a 5-to-3 win over San Diego. Padre Max West slugged his 24th homer to go ahead of teammate Luke Easter as the loop's top circuit-clouter.

In the battle of the cellar,

Angling Prospects On North Umpqua Favorable

PORTLAND, June 17.—(AP)—The State Game Commission listed a number of good fishing spots in its weekly bulletin on angling conditions Thursday.

The outlook by districts included:

Douglas County—Roseburg: Upper Umpqua River area recording but discolored. Trout catches being made on salmon eggs and worms. Some catches on salmon flies and caddis and coachman bucktails. Small hatches of salmon flies have been reported. Fly fishing should be good if water clears.

Portland clubbed 15 hits into a 9-to-4 win over Los Angeles. The loss dumped the Angels into the basement recently occupied by the Beavers.

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STUB BARTLOMEY... famous saddle bronc rider.
JERRY AMBLER... world's cowboy champion.
BUCK ABBOTT... best bareback rider on the rodeo circuit.
FELIX COOPER... famous wild bull rider.
WILBER PLAUGHER... cowboy clown and contestant. In 1946 he was the champion of the rodeo at Madison Square Garden in New York.

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- ★ Calf Scramble