

Hardrock Gordon Beats Culbertson

Unanimous Decision Won In 10-Rounder

Gemmell Loses In 7th On Technical Knockout; Jennings Whips Kaas

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PORTLAND, Oct. 5.—(Special)—The shroud of "mystery" was whipped from the face of Roseburg's Babe Hardrock Gordon after 10 rounds of vicious action with Baby Dutch Culbertson Tuesday night at Portland's civic auditorium.

Gordon slashed his way to a decisive victory in the 10-round main event after launching a savage and bloody attack in the third round. He went after Culbertson's scarred right eye, connected, and blood spattered over Hardrock and the canvas.

Hardrock, rated the underdog prior to fight time, kept ahead of his formidable opponent all the way on points.

There were times, however, when he walked into some mighty rough artillery displayed by the Los Angeles Negro.

In the second round, a powerful right caught the Babe napping. Again in the seventh, Baby Dutch discovered Gordon didn't like to be hit in the stomach. Two blows there made the Hardrock look extremely tired.

Culbertson followed up with smashing lefts and rights that found their mark and Babe had to shake the cobwebs out of his head.

The fight crowd which favored Roseburg's fighter from the start, went wild when they saw him tear into the towering Negro and back him into the ropes in the tenth and final round.

After that, judges Eddy Volk and Herman DeVault and referee Ralph Grumman wasted little time in unanimously marking their ballots in Gordon's favor.

Gordon, although boasting an eight-pound advantage over his opponent, was handicapped, seemingly, by a shorter reach. One judge reported being "amazed" that Hardrock could get his blows off faster than his opponent, in spite of the shorter reach. Gordon weighed 184, Culbertson 176.

The Hardrock who walked into the ring with a "so-so" rating from fight patrons, definitely won over the most sophisticated spectator after leaving the arena.

Gemmell TKO'd In 7th

Roseburg's other fighters didn't fare nearly as well. Mickey Gemmell, 138, took a lacing off Don Rogers, 136, of Portland for seven rounds, was dropped for a nine-count just before the bell in that fateful round and was dropped again at the bell.

Gemmell bled profusely from a cut over his right eye, sustained in the third round. Cries of "stop the fight" from fans brought the boxing commission examiner to Gemmell's corner. He ruled the fight ended and Rogers was awarded the TKO. Three months of ring inactivity for the game Gemmell began to tell.

Kenny Kaas lost a four-round



ACTION AT PORTLAND—Hardrock Gordon measures Dutch Culbertson for his vicious left hook after ducking a similar effort by the Negro, whom he decisively decedioned in the 10-round main event.

Fight Loser In Grave Condition

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 5.—(AP)—Heavyweight boxer Einar Bertola, who collapsed in his dressing room after dropping a 10-round decision to Lee Oma, was reported in critical condition today.

Emil Nanny, manager of the 25-year-old Chicago fighter, said Bertola underwent an operation early today for removal of a blood clot from his brain. Nanny quoted the doctor as saying that the boxer, a former resident of Italy, had "a very good chance" of recovering despite his critical condition.

Oma, weighing 196 1/2, seemed on the verge of scoring a knockout in the final round, but had to settle for a unanimous decision. Bertola weighed 194.

Oma pummeled his opponent with both hands from the start, but never succeeded in knocking him down.

Bertola left the ring under his own power.

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SPORTS

Tag-Team Wrestling Bout Will Pit Szasz-Hager Duo Against Weaver And Kneilson

An Australian tag-team match pitting meanies against cleanies will highlight Matchmaker Elton Owen's weekly mat card here Saturday night, with Tex Hager and Al Szasz going into combat against Buck Weaver and Stocky Knellson.

Only one member of a team is allowed in the ring at a time and he has to reach across the ropes and touch his partner before he can enter the fray. The one not in battle must stay outside the ring in his own corner.

The fight looms as a natural. Al Szasz is riding a winning streak in Roseburg and he is not apt to let the meanie duo spoil it for him. Hager is still hot after Weaver since losing out in the title tournament and every shot he gets at the Indiana smoothie means that he can square himself just that much more. He and Weaver have developed a feud that is fast rivaling any other that has been made known for the last several years.

Weaver has turned from a nifty statistic grappler to one of the roughest in the circuit. He will have able help in the meanie department from his aide-kick Knellson. Stocky is back here again from the Tennessee hills and is as rough and rugged a wrestler as can be found in any ring anywhere.

Opening the night's activity will be a one-hour battle between Dan Dugan of Santa Monica, Calif., and Billy McEuin, a smooth, fast mat-ace. Dugan is still a comparatively newcomer to the ring game, but has shown that he can take care of himself in the roped-off square. He fights along the lines of Jack Kiser, a cleanie from the opening bell.

Yankee Pitcher Ex-Buddy Of Vets Hospital Staffer

By "TICK" MALARKEY

When big Vic Raschi stretches his six-foot one-inch of pitching frame on the mound of the New York Yankees against the "Bums from Brooklyn" during the world series, starting to day, there will be more than a passing interest in the final score by a resident of Roseburg.

He is Joe Toman, athletic director, out at the Veterans hospital.

Joe, then a first "Louie" up from the ranks as a private, and Vic, as staff sergeant, worked together at Lowry field, Denver, Colorado, for better than two years during World War II. Lieut. Toman was in charge of all physical training and Raschi was one of his 20 assistants. While stationed in Colorado a personnel of from 5,000 to 10,000 troops trained daily for the great adventure beyond the American shores of the Atlantic or Pacific.

During the three seasons that Raschi was stationed at Lowry field, he was first cut chucker for the ball club that shone with other stars from other leagues. He was graduated from a small eastern college, whose name Toman can't recall, where he had played in three major sports—football, baseball and basketball.

"He was such a good hitter that we used him in the pinches when he wasn't working a regular turn. His fast ball screamed past the batters; but that curve he had then broke all over the lot. He was wild as an Umpqua steelhead with it and a lot of walk to the other side was the price he paid, recalled Joe.

"So acute was the housing situation at Denver that when the Tumans were temporarily transferred to an air field in Texas the Raschis, with small daughter, moved into their home for the three months the owners were gone.

"I sure hope that Vic has it when he goes in there for the Yankees," Toman said. "He was

Indians Drilled In Effort To Up Football Power

The Roseburg high Indians, still smarting from their unexpected 19-0 setback by Myrtle Point last Friday, went through a spirited scrimmage yesterday, emphasizing new offensive plays.

Coach Cece Sherwood minced no words in letting his varsity boys know how they looked against Myrtle Point, both offensively and defensively. Tackles, guards and ends continued to bear the brunt of the scrimmage session, an indication that no lineman is assured of a starting berth at any of these positions.

Bucks, too, were in for their share of attention as Sherwood and Ray Brown ran them through a new set of plays, designed to pile up the yardage against Friday night's foes, the Reedport Braves.

With the count now two losses and one win for the Indians, players went through the Tuesday scrimmage in a spirited fashion that wasn't dampened in the least by the steady drizzle.

An added incentive for the Indians this Friday is a desire to perform creditably before fathers of the players. Friday has been designated "Father's Night" and each member of the varsity and junior varsity team will have his dad seated on a bench at the sidelines, beside the Indian bench.

Papooses' Game With Cottage Grove Is Off

Hod Turner, Junior high football coach, reported today that the game slated with Cottage Grove for Saturday has been canceled.

Turner said the Cottage Grove team had been slated to appear on Finlay field Saturday afternoon, but received word today that the Junior Lions would be unable to make the trip.

He said the Papooses could not travel to Cottage Grove for the game because of the many road trips already slated for the Roseburg boys.

In an effort to make up for the loss of experience this game would have given the Papooses, Turner said arrangements had been made with Sutherland seventh and eighth graders for a scrimmage this afternoon, beginning at 4 p. m.

He indicated other inter-city scrimmage sessions are also planned.

Exercise Hour Beckons For More Participants

All men of the community are urged to attend the YMCA exercise hour Thursday from 5:30-6:30 p. m. at the junior high gym, according to Marlen Yoder, YMCA general secretary. The turnout at these weekly exercise hours has not been too good, and Yoder said that many more could come and participate.

Volleyball is the main thing on the program. The cost is only 15 cents. This money goes to pay the expenses of the facilities and the towels. All a person needs to do is furnish his gym shoes and slacks or shorts.

Grid Gossip In Northwest Loop

CORVALLIS, Ore., Oct. 5.—(AP)—Football fans will be getting a preview of future Oregon State-Washington football clashes this Saturday when the two clubs collide in Seattle.

OSC coach Kip Taylor said last night he plans to give his Sophomores plenty of action against the Huskies in an effort to develop some spark in the Beaver attack. Washington also relies heavily on second year men.

SEATTLE, Oct. 5.—(AP)—Big Hugh McElhenry has peeled off his cast but it's doubtful if the flashy University of Washington sophomore will be on hand for Saturday's tilt with Oregon State.

McElhenry still is limping from an injury to his foot in the Minnesota game two Saturdays ago.

Only one of the Washington crimpies worked out yesterday. Halfback Rolly Kirkby joined the turnout but didn't pad because of a shoulder injury. Still lame are fullback Hank Tiedemann, quarterback Don Henrich, guard Ted Holzknicht and halfback Don Coryell.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 5.—(AP)—Stanford remains the leading offensive team and California strongest on defense in the Pacific coast conference.

Statistics released today show that Stanford, despite its defeat by Michigan, has averaged 393 yards per game in three games, and California has held its opponents to a mere 173 yards per game.

Based on percentages, Southern California's Trojans have the best passing record—22 completions out of 37 passes for a 59 percentage.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 5.—(AP)—Southern California's Trojans may field a revised backfield lineup against Ohio State here Saturday.

Coach Jeff Cravath, working his squad behind closed gates, is faced with the problem of re-fitting regular Art Battle, who has been out of action due to injuries, into the backfield at his usual right halfback position.

Jay Roundy would resume his regular chores at the left half, leaving Don Rogers, who subbed during Battle's absence, for relief work. Fullback Bill Martin, Cravath's line-rammering first down maker, is a fixture at his spot.

BARGAIN BACKPIRES
RATON, N. M., Oct. 5.—(AP)—It was bargain night at the Raton drive-in theater. You could get in for \$1 per car, jammed full if you wanted.

Things backfired when one enterprising man drove up in a school bus.

"It was loaded to the roof," the theater owners ruefully admitted, as they rang up his dollar.

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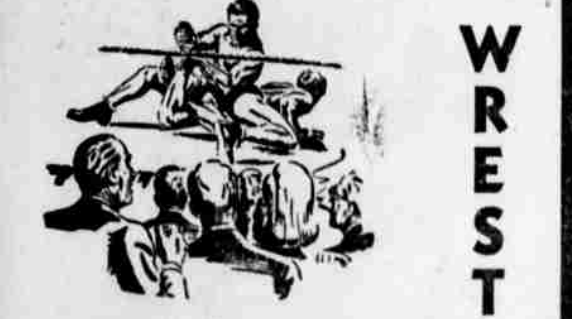
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decision to Bobby Jennings of Boise after absorbing punishment that started in the second round. At that time an especially wicked blow appeared to have Kaas on the knockout road, but the lanky Roseburger hung on, albeit on the short end of the round-by-round decisions.

In two other preliminaries, Indian Joe Pete, Salem, pounded out a four-round decision over Larry Regan of Hermiston, while Chuck Maxson, Oregon State college puncher, KO'd Keller Wagner in the 3rd round.

A crowd of 1,339 paid \$2,914.



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Biologist Given Gold Medal For Act Of Heroism

SEATTLE, Oct. 5.—(AP)—A 27-year-old U. S. Fish and Wildlife service biologist, Lyle G. Schedin, was awarded a gold medal for distinguished service by the Department of the Interior here Monday.

Schedin was cited for rescuing a man after an explosion in an underground electrical vault at Bonneville dam Oct. 5, 1948.

He had been working near the vault when he heard the explosion and saw only one of two engineer corpsmen climb out, his hair and clothing ablaze.

Schedin entered the vault and searched in the darkness and heavy smoke until he located the second man and carried him to safety.

The citation stated Schedin's risk was "extremely perilous" because he had lost the use of one lung from gas fumes during the war.

Schedin's mother, Mrs. C. W. Hayner of Everett, attended the ceremonies.

Murphy Kayoes Cotton; Cowan Also Scores KO

SEATTLE, Oct. 5.—(AP)—Irish Bob Murphy's one-two punch to the jaw of Seattle's Eddie Cotton stowed the hometown batter away in the sixth round of a scheduled 10-heat battle here last night.

Murphy, 169, of San Diego, and Armon has been nominated as one of six freshmen for the position of sergeant-at-arms.

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