

Portland To Lose Jimmy Lidell

CHANCES SEEM BETTER ELSEWHERE

Portland is going to lose one of its best known and well liked little Negro boxers, Jimmy Lidell, the best little showman around these parts. Jimmy is going to Los An-



JIMMY LIDELL

geles, California, where he intends to remain for some time.

Have you ever seen this little fellow in action? He is as game as they come. Although he lost in his last appearance here to Joey Dolan, he still looked good and showed his gameness by still trying to go on with the bout, which the referee stopped. Jimmy is a familiar figure around these parts, everybody knows him, and we have never heard a word against this great little battler. If there is a sporting event of any kind, there you will find Jimmy. Jimmy was the loudest roofer and the most rabid fan at the Lec (the Lion) bout. Shouting suggestions, screaming for Leo to "kill him," he could hardly sit still in his ringside seat, and was going through most of the motions of the fighters in the ring. A great little guy himself, he did not want to see his fellow teammate take even a chance on losing. A real sportsman.

Jimmy has had lots of experience in his young life. Though just in his twenties he has seen action "Over There", real action, and he is the holder of two decorations, the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Service Cross, the emblems of heroes. He was wounded in action three times and has seen action at Guadaicanal, Rendova, Munda, and the Salamau Islands. All this in two years of army life, the most of which was spent overseas.

In his four Portland bouts Jimmy has come out victor in three and lost only one. He fought Eddie Weller and won the decision although he was outweighed by several pounds. (This was true of all his Portland bouts.) He knocked out Billy McCann in eight rounds and finished off Jimmy Hogan in the fifth. He lost his last fight to Joey Dolan. But Jimmy has fought some top-ranking fighters, among them are Lew Feldman, who decisioned, Cleo Shans, K.O. 2nd round, Ray Camps (Mexican champ), K.O., Retchie Shinn (Chinese lightweight champ) decision, Chick Delaney and others. In fact, Jimmy was rated the contender for the lightweight crown in pre-war days. He has been featherweight champ of the New England states and also California, 1939-1941. A great little guy.

Jimmy is due to leave Wednesday of this week. His chances for bigger and better bouts in Los Angeles are a lot greater than they are here. There are more people there, and of course a large number of fight fans, which in turn will mean more money for the battlers. There are many more fight fans here than really come to the Friday night bouts, but by not coming out they cause the "gate" to be smaller, thereby giving the boys smaller purses and the result is that we lose some of our best boxers to other parts of the country that will support them. Less than two weeks ago another fighter left this area, a heavyweight, Leroy McQueen. Leroy left for California for practically the same reason as Jimmy is

leaving. Leroy lived right here among us and was seen around the corners almost daily. A friend of Billy (the Killer) Sullivan, they were almost inseparable companions. But he is gone to other fields and we can expect the same thing to continue unless we come out and support our fighters.

Our loss of Jimmy Lidell is some other place's gain, we are sorry to see him leave, but since we know that it will help him to get a step farther up the ladder we will have to agree with him that his chances are better elsewhere.

We wish you all the best of luck, Jimmy, and hope to see you get as popular as your friend and mine, Henry (Hammerin' Hank) Armstrong.

GOLF CLUB FORMED

Membership Open

To anyone who can play golf or who wants to play golf, an announcement has been made that there has been a club formed among the Negroes of Portland and membership is open to all. At present there is no scheduled meetings of this club, but you can get your name on the roster by contacting any of these men: Mr. Vernon Gaskins, President Mr. Stephen Wright, Secretary; Mr. Walter Ricks, Treasurer; Harry Hardy, Charles Rollins and Mr. Haywood Bascomb.

The members of the yet to be named club have been playing at two golf courses here, they are Broadmoor, located at N. E. 33rd Ave. and Columbia Boulevard, and Eastmoreland Municipal Golf Links, located at 7000 S. E. 27th Ave.

For further information contact one of the officers or members.

PEAKING OF SPORTS

By Bob McShane

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SOMEHOW the world seemed completely wrong one recent morning when a quick glance at the league standings on the sports pages showed the New York Yankees tied for seventh place in the American league.

How the mighty had fallen! That was the first thought. But the initial blow was softened by the fact that only 4½ games separated the first-place St. Louis Browns and the eighth-place Philadelphia Athletics.

It wasn't long ago that Jimmy Dykes and Lou Boudreau were feuding over whether the White Sox or the Indians should win the pennant. Boudreau, Cleveland Indian manager, made a forcible statement predicting the eventual triumph of the Sox. Dykes, manager of the latter team, disagreed. It was his stated belief that the Indians were the league's fair-haired boys.



Jimmy Dykes

Following that exchange of compliments, the two teams went into an early-season death struggle to see who would gain occupancy of last place. Except for a week or so in which the Indians took the honor, the Sox clung to the cellar spot with a bulldog tenacity. However, they didn't stay there. The more dependable A's took over.

24-Hour Positions

As this is being written Cleveland is in fourth place, Chicago in fifth. Those positions are not guaranteed for more than 24 hours. The American league is delightfully unpredictable. Almost unstable.

While we think the Yankees still will be the team to beat for the pennant—despite St. Louis—we can't ignore the Indians and White Sox. They have too many possibilities.

The records show that under

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SET A NEW RECORD FOR P.G.A. GOLFERS BY WINNING \$19,389 DURING 1938.

Dykes the White Sox always have been a formidable team in the second half of the season. Remember that they started badly last year, but were finishing so strongly at the end of the season that had the campaign had two more weeks to go, they probably would have finished second.

Dykes was forced to devote a large part of the first six weeks of this season to experimentation. In normal times these experiments would have been made during spring training.

For a long time the Indians have been known as a team well up toward the front until midseason. Then they fell apart.

This season they did their falling apart earlier than usual. The Indians should be a better ball club in the second half of the campaign, particularly if Ken Keltner and Allie Reynolds are able to stay around. The pitching staff is working itself into shape and pitching is likely to be the determining factor in the race.

We grant that it is doubtful if either team has enough all-around strength to take the flag — but neither of them are as bad as early showings indicate.

Veteran Hurlers

The Yankees get the nod because they started with three excellent veteran pitchers — Hank Borowy, Ernie Bonham and Atley Donald. They also unveiled two fine newcomers—Walt Dubiel and Joe Page.

The present American league race is something new under the sun. There is not an outstandingly good team and there is not an overwhelmingly weak team. There is likely to be no team in the circuit capable of far outdistancing the field.

All this makes the National league race look like a walkaway. At the same time the Yankees were tied for seventh in the junior circuit, St. Louis was leading the National by a comfortable margin. The Chicago Cubs were 14½ games out. The usual situation had been reversed with a vengeance.

Almost any team in the American is capable of a winning streak — and equally capable of a slump. Most of them have undergone the latter. It seems quite possible that the team which really gets warmed up in September will be the one to take the flag.

SPORTS SHORTS

☛ Buck Shaw's coaching contract at Santa Clara, a school that has abandoned football for the duration, runs until 1947.

☛ Pete Gray, one-armed outfielder hitting approximately .300 for Memphis, is more than a duration player. He worked his way into the high minors long before Pearl Harbor and stayed on his merits.

☛ The Norfolk naval base is playing 130 baseball games this season. ☛ Michigan baseball teams, coached by Ray Fisher, have an all-time average of .694 against Big ten competition.

Colored Merchants Lose Two Ways

Bill Thompson and Game Both Lost

Herbert Lewis' Softball Team, the Colored Merchants, are having a tough time of it these days it seems. Lewis thinks that bad luck comes in bunches, and well he might. There never has been a softball hurler in these parts like Big BILL Thompson. No one has even almost equalled his ability on the mound. His feat of pitching a 16-to-0 no-hitter against Tryce Elec-

tric will not be forgotten soon. The ease with which he won games was something to marvel at, and this big right-hander was very popular with the fans and his team also. But "Big Bill" is not with the Colored Merchants any more. He has returned to Seattle to take his physical examination for the army. The team misses him, the fans miss him and it is an all around loss for the Merchants seem to have fallen into a slump.

Though playing a fast and very close game, the Merchants lost to Howard Auto. Nothing unusual or spectacular about the game. Just one of those tough battles where each team takes turns in scoring runs. Close plays, both pitchers about equal, hitting power on both sides and the struggle just went on with the balance of power first on one side then the other. If only "Big Bill" had been there. But there was no Big Bill and the final results of the game were:

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We did not get the other battery.

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