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Sugar Ray Calls Off Fight With Basilio Over TV Tiff

NEW-YORK (UP)—Sugar Ray Robinson formally called off next month's million-dollar fight with Carmen Basilio today, but he left a loophole for it to go on again.

Robinson said his formal withdrawal from the Yankee Stadium fight Sept. 23 was made today to the New York State Athletic Commission; but, nevertheless, he would fight if promoter Jim Norris came to terms quickly in their dispute over theater-television.

"Meanwhile, my attorney, Martin Machat, will start legal proceedings against Norris and his breach of contract," the middleweight champion said.

Admittedly surprised, Norris stated, "The fight's still on as far as we're concerned, and there'll be no change in the theater-television arrangements."

Equally confident that the fight would be staged, welterweight champion Basilio continued training at Alexandria Bay, N.Y., for his attempt to wrest the middleweight crown from Robinson. Basilio commented, however, "If Robinson runs out on this fight, I'll know he's afraid of me. He looked petrified at the signing, anyway."

The dispute is about who shall handle the theater-TV. Norris has signed a contract with Theater Network Television, Inc., the closed-circuit organization that presented 15 previous IBC fights, starting in June, 1951.

Robinson insists that the Teleprompter Corp., which handles much industrial and convention closed-circuit work, be given the fight because it had guaranteed a minimum of 400,000 theater seats, which would translate into about \$250,000 for Robinson's end.

That's 150,000 more seats than TNT could guarantee, Robinson says.

Sugar Ray claims that Norris signed the contract with TNT "without my permission," and thereby broke the signed agreement that the theater-TV rights would not be sold "without my written consent."

When Nathan L. Halpern, president of TNT, first made a survey of prospects for the fight, he said he could guarantee 375,000 theater seats, Robinson explained. "But last week we received a letter and formal contract from Norris, stating that Halpern could guarantee only 250,000 seats. We notified Norris that was not acceptable and that we had an outfit giving a much better guarantee."

Williams Ahead Of Mantle In Batting Battle

NEW YORK (UP)—Ted Williams dropped three points in his average and Mickey Mantle lost four points Tuesday night, leaving Williams in the lead, .330 to .321, in their battle for the American League batting title.

Both went hitless. Williams was walked twice and failed to hit in two other attempts; Mantle was hitless in four trips as Ralph Terry of Kansas City pitched a shut-out.

How they compare:

	AB	R	H	HR	Pct.
Williams	362	79	141	31	.329
Mantle	396	106	151	32	.321



BEND PLAYER — Rich Hemingway, Bend High School graduate of 1957, is one of the players who will represent Bend on the Central Oregon All-Stars team which entertains the Snake River Valley All-Stars at Prineville, Aug. 31. A guard, he is 18-years-old, weighs 160 lbs., and stands 5' 6". (Bend Bulletin Photo)

Football Squads Finish Work For Annual State-Metro Tilt

PORTLAND (UP)—The heavy work was over for both the State and Metro Shrine football squads as their respective coaches wound up the daily drill routine Tuesday.

The two teams will meet Saturday night here in Multnomah stadium with all proceeds from the game going to the Shriner's hospital for crippled children.

Both coaches were a little worried as some of their top boys watched drills from the sidelines yesterday.

Over at the State camp, head mentor Fred Spiegelberg of Medford was forced to be without Jack Temple, McMinnville halfback, Al Trotter, Tillamook fullback, and Dale Cardwell, Marshfield guard.

Spiegelberg said he was fearful Trotter would be the only one suited up of the three come Saturday night.

But he was all smiles on the practice field as Roger Johnson, Marshfield halfback demonstrated in State's 30-minute scrimmage why he has been hailed as one of the greatest backs developed in an Oregon high school in recent years.

Coach Ralph Harper of the Metros held his final scrimmage also yesterday and halfback Joe Shank from Lincoln was on the sidelines with a knee injury. Harper said he was hopeful Shank would be ready by game time.

Rademacher Lays 'Flexible' Plans for Bout

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SEATTLE, Wash. (UP)—Challenger Pete Rademacher, a lean 210-pounds of fighting farmer, said today he had laid "flexible" plans for his 15-round heavyweight championship bout with Floyd Patterson Thursday night.

By "flexible," he said he meant he would wait and see how Patterson wanted the bout to go—cutiously or a stugging match.

"I have no definite pre-conceived plan of battle," said the soft-spoken ex-Army lieutenant. "The only time I tried that before, in the amateur ranks, I got licked."

But exuding confidence from every pore, the former Washington State football player and current Olympic heavyweight boxing champion, wasn't a bit worried about what lay ahead.

"As a matter of fact, we aren't looking past this bout in any way," he pointed out, "but we already have many offers for the future."

Both the Patterson and Rademacher camps set light calisthenics and long walks as the order of the day as they awaited the weighing-in ceremonies Thursday at noon p.m. Rademacher said he expected to come in at "around 210" pounds.

Patterson, while signing dozens of autographs for boys from a nearby school visiting his training set-up, said he figured he was in just as good condition now as he was for the Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson battle last month.

Sour Note Jars Plans of Giants

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—At least one sour note was sounded this week following the announcement the New York Giants were moving to San Francisco. A baseball fan, noting the Giants' current sixth place standing in the National League, observed: "San Francisco may be ready for major league baseball—but are the Giants?"

HUBBARD BLANKED

OREGON CITY (UP)—Corvallis blanked Hubbard, 7-0, in elimination play of the 24th annual Men's Oregon state softball tournament here Tuesday night, after Hubbard had dropped Coos Bay 1-0.

Today, Corvallis meets Eugene for the championship.

Phil Rodgers Holds Lead In Golf Meet

ST. LOUIS (UP)—Nineteen-year-old Phil Rodgers, pointing for his biggest victory since the 1955 National Jaycee meet, held a two-stroke lead today going into the final 36-hole qualifying round for the 55th Western Amateur Golf Championship.

Rodgers, short and stocky University of Houston sophomore from LaJolla, Calif., fired a three-under par 68 yesterday for a mid-way total of 141.

Curtis Person, 47, Memphis, Tenn., automobile dealer and current Tennessee Open amateur champ, shot a 71 for a 143 total.

Fifty-five players, including all the favorites, remained in the field today after it was cut at the 156 total score mark. The low 16 tomorrow will tackle the grind of four 36-hole matches in four days en route to the championship.

Dr. Ed Updegraff of Tucson, Ariz., and Bob Pratt of the University of Houston were four strokes off the pace at 145.

Ward Wettlaufer of Buffalo, N. Y., was fifth at 146 followed by Ken Heilemann, St. Louis; Ed Hopkins Jr., Abilene, Texas; Jim Hiskey, Pocatello, Idaho; and Pete Dye of Indianapolis, Ind. at 147.

Regional Legion Play Beginning In Portland

PORTLAND (UP)—American Legion Junior baseball champions from Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho and Alaska open a double-elimination tournament here today for the regional championship.

Play will continue through Saturday and possibly Sunday.

Opening round games send Anchorage, Alaska, against Seattle at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Lewiston, Idaho, against Billings, Mont., at 6:30 p.m., and Portland against the Anchorage - Seattle winner at 8:30 p.m.

The Portland team won the Oregon title by defeating Roseburg, which last year finished third in the nation.

The regional playoff is one of 12 throughout the country. Winners of the regional tournament meet in four sectional tourneys with the winners of those entering the national tourney.

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