

# Valdes' Boss Wants Rule To Force Champ to Fight

By MURRAY ROSE (For Gayle Talbot)

NEW YORK (AP)—Jack Dempsey's suggestion that an elimination tournament be held to uncover a "real" challenger for Rocky Marciano is a worthy idea but Bobby Gleason thinks he has something better to offer.

"Make the champion fight the No. 1 challenger within six months or take away his title," says the fiery little manager of Cuban heavyweight champion Nino Valdes. "That's the way they do it in Europe. If the European champion doesn't meet No. 1, he's tossed out on his ear by the European Boxing Federation.

"Otherwise, what good is it to rank fighters? Or have a No. 1 contender? You can't eat a ranking."

Bobby, of course, is not entirely unselfish in advocating the adoption of the European system. Following a decision victory over Ezzard Charles and a four-round knockout over Heinz Neuhans, the European king, Valdes was named the No. 1 contender by Ring magazine.

The National Boxing Assn. in its latest rankings a few weeks back listed no logical contenders for Marciano among the big boys. Ezzard Charles, the former champ, headed the list of "outstanding boxers," followed by Valdes, Dan Bucceroni and Roland LaStarza. Dempsey suggested that Charles, Valdes, Bucceroni and Nardico fight it out in an elimination tournament.

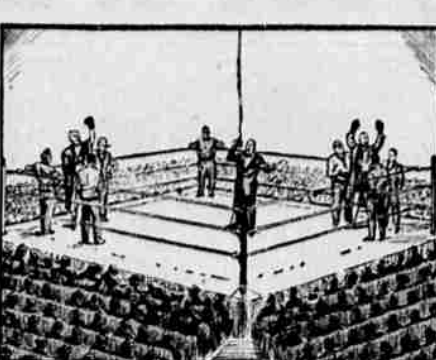
Gleason is willing to have Valdes fight Charles but he wants a "payday" this time. He's willing to give Ole Ez a return fight but he wants \$30,000 if Valdes wins and \$40,000 if Charles wins the score.

Actually, the whole thing is academic. The heavyweight champion—rather his manager, in this case Al Weill—calls the tune.

And of the moment, Weill doesn't look too kindly on any eliminations among the contenders. His reasoning is that his Rocky will take care of all the eliminating himself in due course. If the contenders knock each other off, then the champion is liable to run out of opponents. And opponents are scarce.

## JOE PALOOKA

THE ANNOUNCER HAS INTRODUCED JACK DEMPSEY, GENE TUNNEY, BARNEY ROSS, JIMMY BRADDOCK, ETC.—ALL GREAT FORMER CHAMPS. THE PLACE HAS BEEN ROCKING WITH CHEERS, PALOOKA AND McFARLANE BOTH RECEIVED ROARING OVATIONS AS THEY WERE INTRODUCED. THE JUDGES ARE ARTIE ARDELO... HARRY...



By Ham Fisher

## Perry, Richardson Win at Sydney

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—Bob Perry of Los Angeles and Hamilton Richardson of Baton Rouge, La., won their first round matches Friday in the Australian National Tennis Championships at the White City courts. Bill Talbert of New York was eliminated.

Perry came from behind to whip Billy Knight, the British junior ardsion polished off Australian Cedric Mason in straight sets, 6-0, 7-5, 6-4.

Talbert, non-playing captain of the losing U.S. Davis Cup team, fell before Bill Gilmour, the Australian junior champion, 6-3, 8-6, 6-1.

## Tennis to Turn To TV for Fans

NEW YORK (AP)—Tennis will turn to television in an attempt to build up its popularity, if 10 of the nation's top amateur players can get approval of their plans from the big officials of the game.

The tennis players league, composed of most of the top stars announced it is asking the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association for approval of a plan for a round robin championship among the nation's 10 top players in a series of televised matches.

## Mikan Thinks Pro All-Star Tilt Greatest

NEW YORK (AP)—George Mikan says the 1954 National Basketball Assn. all star game was the greatest ever played anywhere.

George ought to know. He was picked as the outstanding basketball player of the last half century in The Associated Press poll.

He starred in College ball at DePaul and has been the mainstay of the Minneapolis Lakers. National pro champions for seven seasons.

Thursday night Mikan was on the losing team. The East squeezed past the West 98-93 in overtime at Madison Square Garden. Mikan personally extended the game the extra five minutes.

With the East leading 84-82 and the clock showing absolutely no time left big George shot, missed and drew a foul giving him two free throws.

Mikan bounced the ball half a dozen times, then sent it swishing through the nets twice in a row.

Bob Cousy of Boston, whose one hander had given the East the lead with two seconds to play, stole the show in the extra period, scoring 10 points for a game total of 20 and controlling the ball almost constantly with his tremendous dribbling. The display won him the most valuable player award.

## Wichita (16-1) Making Big Splash in US Basketball

By BEN OLAN

NEW YORK (AP)—This was the year they said the University of Wichita would have to make the big splash in the Missouri Valley Conference. And Wichita's cagers are doing just that.

True, last night's 102-50 walloping of little Fort Hays State didn't add much stature to Wichita's No. 11 ranking in the latest Associated Press poll. But it underlined the threat the Shockers are making to the Oklahoma Aggies and St. Louis, the conference big wigs.

Up to this season, it was a case of the Aggies winning the conference crown most of the time and the Billikens the rest.

But boasting a 4-0 record in league play and an over-all 16-1 mark, the surprising Shockers are making a run for national recognition. A victory over St. Louis Saturday would put them right up there.

Last night's victory was Wichita's 14th straight. Its only loss came at the hands of Seattle Dec. 4, after having defeated the West Coast club the previous evening.

George Washington's 10th-ranked Colonials ran into unexpected trouble last night before finally subduing eight-times-beaten Virginia 73-71.

## Whitman Knocks Coyotes Again

WALLA WALLA (AP)—R. C. Owens of College of Idaho captured 27 rebounds and scored 25 points Thursday night but his team lost to Whitman for the second straight night 98-91 in a Northwest Conference basketball game.

Albert Marquette, a Findlay guard, had 36.

Minnie Mino of the White Sox grounded into the most double plays in the major leagues during 1953.

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## Shoendienst, Haddix Still Sit on Pacts

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The St. Louis Cardinals, in the midst of a rebuilding program, still have two big salary problems—Red Schoendienst and Harvey Haddix—to tackle before they can go full speed ahead with their plans for 1954.

Schoendienst, runner-up to National League batting champion Carl Furillo last season and Haddix, a 20-game winner, are far from satisfied with the contracts they've been tendered for the upcoming campaign.

Both Schoendienst and Haddix are reportedly asking \$10,000 more than they received in 1953. Red is season and Haddix \$8,000.

The Cardinals bagged their biggest catch of the contract signing season Thursday—Stan Musial. The six-time National League batting king put his signature on a pact calling for a reported \$80,000—tops in the senior loop.

Eddie Mathews, another of the National League's foremost sluggers, also signed his contract Thursday.

Best guess was that Eddie's salary for next season will be around \$25,000.

## Detroit, Chicago Bowlers Leading National Event

CHICAGO (AP)—A couple of tournament veterans, Buzz Fazio of Detroit and Mrs. Shirley Garms of Chicago, led the National All-Star Bowling Tournament Friday as match play moved into the second day of competition.

Fazio, captain of the Detroit Stros, national match game champions, won 13 of the 16 games Thursday and topped 3,351 pins for a total of 80.01 Petersen points, based on games won and pins toppled.

Bill Lillard of Chicago was in second place with 11 wins and 5 losses, a record of 3,391 pins knocked down and 78.41 points.

Mrs. Garms, a 29-year-old secretary, paced the 16-woman field with 38.22 points after the first round by June Kristof, also of Chicago, who had 37.02. Each, however, won six games and lost two in opening matches. Madeline Davies of Seattle was fourth at 36.11 points.

## Linderman Gets Cowboy Honors

DENVER (AP)—Bill Linderman of Red Lodge, Mont., was awarded \$1,600 in cash and other prizes Thursday as the Rodeo Cowboys Assn. named him the all-around cowboy of 1953.

Special awards included: Saddle bronc riding: Casey Tibbs, Fort Pierre, S.D. Bareback bronc riding: Eddy Calf roping: Don McLaughlin, Smithfield, Tex. Steer wrestling: Ross Dollarhide, Lakewood, Ore. Team roping: Ben Johnson, Sun Valley, Calif.

## SCORES In the Alleys

LADIES' CITY LEAGUE

MKN Furniture (9)—Curtis 388, Smith 285, Loken 418, Ade 340, Doerflinger 420, Chuck's Sizz House (4)—Krejel 436, Curry 502, Nelson 461, Clark 460, Garbarino 472.

Isak's Healy (13)—Stetler 381, Evans 417, Bienski 298, Black 450, Blind 414, Cupboard Cafe (3)—Vittone 443, Halsey 251, Dyer 381, Pease 391, Glodt 45.

Salem Navigation (1)—Polinsky 428, Miller 349, Gallatin 388, Mackey 355, Penny 417, Bob Lawless Masons (2)—Lienhard 439, Lawless 457, Rounds 336, Riches 463, Vanderhoof 462.

Hande Old (8)—Andrew 265, Brand-ide 368, Huff 318, Stalter 337, Van-Deil 411, Master Bread (4)—Merrill 354, Hayne 402, Reinke 382, Herman 392, Mosser 431.

Salem Auto Parts (1)—Bradley 395, Chamberlain 368, Gould 420, Colvin 408, Thompson 325, Plank's Construction (3)—Plank 451, Hopfinger 449, Murray 506, Gunn 373, Carr 415.

Senator Hotel (13)—Scott 419, Blund 420, Prince 376, Upston 417, Muehlhaupt 466, Good Housekeeping (3)—Olney 429, Albrich 485, Gardner 448, Blind 420, Posselt 405.

High team game, Plank's Construction, 87; high team series, Chuck's Steak House, 233; high individual game, Louise Albrich (Good Housekeeping), 196; high individual series, Albert Thompson (Salem Auto Parts), 553.

## German Takes Slalom in Austria

KUTZBUEHEL, Austria (AP)—Miri Buchner, 29-year-old German Olympic skier from Garmisch-Partenkirchen, won the ladies giant slalom Friday as the third international alpine ski festival opened a day later. The race was postponed Thursday because of rain.

Only one of four American girls finished in the first 20 out of a field of 37 stars from nine nations. Jannette Burr of Seattle tied with Frieda Daener of Switzerland for 18th place with a time of one minute, 23.8 seconds for the tricky 1,500 meter course.

Miss Buchner had an official time of 1:18.7 for the difficult winding descent through 32 gates.

## Seattle Pockets No. 15, 80 to 74

SEATTLE (AP)—Seattle University rubbed out a half time halftime deficit Thursday night and went on to defeat Colorado A&M 80-74 in an intercollegiate basketball game here. It was the Chiefs 15th straight victory.

Seattle's tall Joe Pehanick was held to 6 points in the first half, which ended with Colorado leading 40-33, but dropped in 20 in the last two quarters to lead the scoring. Dennis Steuhm was high for the Coloradoans with 18.

Colorado lost five men via the personal foul route.

The teams play again Friday night.

## 7-Foot Shadoin Starts for Rooks

CORVALLIS (AP)—Oregon State, hoping to groom another 7-footer for the varsity basketball lineup next year, will start Phil Shadoin at forward when the Rooks play the Oregon Frosh at Eugene Friday night.

The hope is that Shadoin, who is 7 feet tall, will develop enough agility to be able to play alongside 7-3 Wade "Swede" Halbrook, the OSC sophomore center, next season. Shadoin has not had much success so far.

## Whitworth Loses Again in Hawaii

HONOLULU (AP)—Little Whitworth College of Spokane, Wash., suffered its second straight loss here Thursday night, bowing 79-59 to Universal Motors before 500 fans at Civic Auditorium.

Al Pastel, former Oregon State pivot man, sparked Universal with 17 points.

Top performer for Whitworth was Roy Beach, who poured in 23 points on 10 field goals and three charity tosses.

## Albany to Open Bowling Tourney

ALBANY, Ore. (AP)—The Oregon State Bowling Association's annual tournament will open here Saturday.

There are 304 teams registered, second only to the record registration of last year. Officials said some Oregon teams have entered the national tournament at Seattle, and will be unable to go to both tournaments.

## Sports in Brief

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BASEBALL

ST. LOUIS — Stan Musial of the St. Louis Cardinals signed his contract for a reported \$80,000.

GOLF

RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif. — Bill Ogden posted a 33-33-66 to lead the first round of the San Diego Open Tournament.

TAMPA, Fla. — Betsy Rawls (75), Polly Riley (77), Babe Zaharias (77) and Jackie Pung (77) showed the way through the first round of the Tampa Open.

TRACK

MELBOURNE — John Landy ran the fifth fastest mile on record, 4:02.4.

RACING

ARCADIA, Calif. — Sweet as Honey (86.00) easily won the La Centinela Stakes on a muddy track at Santa Anita.

Luis Firpo was the first Argentinian ever to fight for the world's heavyweight championship.

## Franklin Coach Stipac Resigns

PORTLAND (AP)—The resignation of Mike Stipac as football coach at Franklin High School was reported here Thursday.

Stipac, former Sunnyside, Wash. and Aberdeen, Idaho, high school coach, said he will continue to teach at Franklin and will help with the track team.

Stipac's football teams won five games and lost nine during his two years as Franklin coach.



Commissioned Olympic Decathlon Champion Bob Mathias became a commissioned officer in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve at Fresno, Calif., as he is sworn in by Capt. Edward V. Easter. Mathias, 22, completed requirements for the commission by attending summer camp and by his graduation from Stanford University. He reports for active duty June 4 at Quantico, Va. (AP Wirephoto)

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