

Forgotten Lou Ambers lost only 8 bouts in career

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NEW YORK (UPI) — He was the little man with the flattened features, a living testimonial to the fact that fame is a sometime thing.

This was at the Sonny Liston-Floyd Patterson fiasco in Las Vegas and Lou Ambers sat solemnly in the second row of ringside with his former manager, Al Weill. Few people recognized him, or spoke, and the heedless dismissal of his presence when

former champions were introduced put a hurt glass in his eyes.

"They shoulda introduced him," growled Weill. "He was one of the greats."

He was, indeed.

Won Light Heavyweight Crown For Lou Ambers, the Baltimore Hurricane who got religion in reform school and learned to fight in church, lost only eight of 102 bouts and twice won the light-weight crown. He took it from Tony Canzoneri, lost it to Henry

Armstrong and then won it back from the windmill puncher known as "The Hammer."

There was a time in Pittsburgh when a 14-fought Fritz Zivic in a 19-round bout and, in the eighth, suffered a broken jaw. Weill wanted to lose in the towel but Ambers wouldn't let him. A beautifully fast boxer, he did a painful wait through the final two beats to take the decision. Later he called his mother and she asked him why he was mumbled. "Drinkin' lemonade through a

straw," he reassured her.

It was a much more sour moment last Monday night in Las Vegas but little Lou, 30 years old now, may get his recognition in September.

Just Missed Election

What brings him to mind is the annual election to the boxing Hall of Fame — and the fact that he came closer than any of the others who missed the last time the ballots were counted. Lou received 89 votes out of 164, with 123 necessary to be elected.

There are a host of other good ones waiting in line with him, guys like Jimmy Braddock, the Cinderella man who came off the docks to win the heavyweight crown, and Jersey Joe Walcott, who was on relief when he finally started to get the breaks and fought on and on until he won the biggest boxing title of them all.

Don't pass up Billy Conn, who was light heavyweight champion before he almost boxed the ears

and the crown of Joe Louis; featherweight champion Willie Pep, as fast as any ringman who ever lived until he was raked up in an airplane crash; Kid Gavilan, the Cuban hawk with the dancing feet and the concrete chin who won the welter mantle even though he couldn't knock off your hat with a baseball bat.

Many Others Waiting

Waiting, too, are gentles such as Sandy Saddler of the trip-hammer fists; Beau Jack, the shoeshine

boy who went from there to fame and all the way back to the buffing rag again; Lew Jenkins, one of the hardest hitters who ever laced on the gloves, and the mauling, bruising Zivic.

The line is a long one as they wait hopefully on the threshold, men such as Luis Angel Firpo, the "Wild Bull of the Pampas" who came close to putting away the immortal Jack Dempsey; Edward Charles, not one of the great heavyweight kings but one of the

gamest and the best of an era if you can believe the record book; Rocky Graziano, who kept throwing until he or the other guy went down, and the likes of Max Schmeling and Max Baer.

It's a long list, and you only vote for 10. But the hope in this corner is that they'll all cast a ballot for the little man from Herkimer. He certainly deserves it and, to boot, it will wipe out the sting of that cutting rejection in Las Vegas.



CHAMPION'S KISS—Monte Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Patterson of 1817 East First Street in Bend, won the local soap box derby Sunday. Monte receives the victory kiss from his three-year-old sister Tammie. Sponsor of the racer was Ideal Gas.

U.S. track gals face frauleins

BRUNSWICK, Germany (UPI) — The touring United States women's track and field team takes on the German national team today in the opening of their two-day meet with the host nation favored to hand the Yank girls their third straight loss.

West German publications are predicting victory for their team and there is little to indicate that the German girls will fail. However, the American girls, who lost by a lopsided score to Russia and then made it close against Poland last weekend, were expected to make perhaps their best showing of the tour, although even American officials traveling with the team would not go so far as to predict a victory.

While the Yank girls were expected to take their third straight defeat their male counterparts are being counted on to beat the German men's team in the start of their dual competition at nearby Hannover Wednesday. Both the men's and women's competition is over two days and at different sites with the girls getting underway a day ahead of the men.

The American men are undefeated in two starts. They beat the Russians by just five points, 11-14, but routed the Poles, 125-83.

Jal gal takes Michigan prize

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. (UPI) — The lady from Jal, N.M., Kathy Whitworth finished six under par Monday to take the \$1,250 first prize in the Women's Vaseline Open golf tournament at the Hillcrest Country Club.

Miss Whitworth shot rounds of 72-64-62-198, five strokes ahead of second place winner, Betsy Rawls, Spartanburg, S.C., who finished with a 73-67-65-203.

The tournament was cut to 50 holes when a bridge collapsed Saturday, and some 80 persons plunged into three feet of water. Five of those were still in the hospital, but three were reported in good condition. Two of them were reported to have crushed vertebrae.

Miss Whitworth became the leading money winner with her prize Monday. She has won \$10,759 so far on the women's tour.

Third place was taken by Jackie Pung, Daly City, Calif., with 78-62-64-204. Fourth place went to Peggy Wilson, Austin, Tex., with 73-67-65-205.

Low scoring amateur honors went to 20-year-old Sherry Wilder, Grand Rapids, Mich., with 77-68-72-217.

City Recreation Schedule

TUESDAY
9:00 - 11:00 a.m. — Red Cross swim lessons at Bend Municipal Pool.
9:00 - 11:30 a.m. — Tennis tournament at Jr. High tennis courts.
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. — Playground activities at Harmon and Allen.
10:00 - 11:30 a.m. — Girls softball at Harmon (ages 13-16)
1:00 - 9:00 p.m. — Bend Municipal Pool is open to the public.
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. — Bantam League Baseball:
VFW vs. Elks at Marshall
Lefco vs. Henly's at Softball Field
Medo-Land vs. Moose at Kingston Field
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Lefco vs. C.O.R. at Harmon

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1:00 - 9:00 p.m. — Bend Municipal Pool is open to the public.
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. — Little League baseball:
Lefco vs. Brandis at Juniper Field.
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. — Rookie League baseball:
AFL-CIO vs. Ore. Equip. at Harmon
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. — Physical fitness for boys 9th through 12th grade at Senior High Gym.

Los Angeles Dodgers move 2 up from top minor club

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The Los Angeles Dodgers, who only broke a four game losing streak last night, have brought up two players from their chief farm club, sent two down, and were expected to announce a trade this morning with the Washington Senators.

The Dodgers were expected to trade either of two veteran relief hurlers, right-handers Ed Roebuck or Larry Sherry, to the Senators, who are managed by ex-Dodger teammate Gil Hodges.

The Los Angeles Times said today it was expected that the Dodgers would get an infielder in return, probably second baseman Marv Breeding. Breeding, 29, played with Baltimore last season.

Rookie second baseman Nate Oliver, who threatened to take over veteran Jim Gilliam's job after having a fine spring, has hit only .239 in 63 games and was optioned to the Pacific Coast League Monday. Oliver was sent down along with rookie left-hander Nick Willhite, who hurled a shutout against the Chicago Cubs in his major league debut, but wound up with a 2-3 record.

New UO coach

EUGENE (UPI) — Ed Johns Monday was named an assistant football coach at the University of Oregon for the 1963 season.

Athletic Director Leo Harris said that Johns, 30, would join coach Len Casanova's staff this fall as a graduate assistant. His addition gives the Ducks six assistant grid coaches.

Johns played football as a line-man at San Diego State College and in the Marine Corps.

He has coached at San Diego State, San Diego City College and Kearny High School in San Diego,

in eight starts.

Heavy hitting outfielder Al Ferrera, who was leading the Pacific Coast League in runs batted in with 89, was brought up to the Dodgers with pitcher Ken Rowe, who impressed the Dodgers in spring training and compiled a 10-4 record with Spokane.

Ferrera, a 23-year-old native of Brooklyn, was hitting .321 and had 19 homers with Spokane. Rowe started the season with Los Angeles this year, but had no record in six games. With Spokane he appeared in 38 games in relief and had a stingy 1.70 earned run average.

Last place Ems win 5th straight tilt

By United Press International

Somehow, it doesn't sound right but the last-place Eugene Emeralds won their fifth straight Northwest League baseball game Monday night by defeating Tri-City 4-3.

Salem topped Lewiston 8-6 in the only other game.

Eugene wrapped up its victory in the eighth with one run on a walk to Bob Kilpatrick, a sacrifice and a single by Bob Pearson.

Stover McIlwain collected his second win in four decisions with a seven-hitter. Terry Tackett was the loser.

Salem used three runs in the eighth to take Lewiston. The Dodgers got three hits and a pair of walks during the big frame.

Relief pitcher Ken Page picked up his fifth win against two losses. Boss Bowlin of the losers homered in the third with one on

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'Select field'...

Prineville hosts OGA medalist's go

Special to The Bulletin
PRINEVILLE — Prineville's golf and country club will play host to the Oregon Golf Assn. Medal Play Championship this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with a "rather select" field of amateurs competing for the crown, as the tourney is limited to golfers with ten or less handicaps.

This OGA event is being held at the popular and always testing Prineville facility in the hope of reviving the affair. The tourney has become dormant during the past two or three years. There are hopes that it may once again become one of the state's top tournaments.

Prineville's nine holes promises to be a good test for the state's best with its par of 65. Nine of the 18 holes are three-pars, with none of its one-shotters considered a pushover. The competitive course record is 62, a mere three shots less than the allotment. The second hole on the course is considered one of the best three-pars in the Northwest, with a 207-yard poke required to gain the putting surface. It is further hampered by a creek meandering across the fairway and along the right side of the hole to catch the tee shots. Straight pars on this hole could mean the title for any one of the select field.

Don Kreiger, former state match play champion from Portland's Columbia - Edgewater C.C., stated that both Dick Price and himself plus another state amateur champ, had made plans to attend. However, business may keep Kreiger from participating. Price, however, definitely will be on hand.

Keen competition is expected from George Beechler and Fred Hudspeth, both host club players and past club champions. They remain a threat because of their "local knowledge" and past performances on their home course.

Beechler, a former state amateur champion himself, has been bothered much of the season with a "trick" back, but has assured Prineville professional Jerry Cloninger, he will be ready for this event.

Hudspeth, a perennial favorite in any tournament on the Prineville links, is a five-time club champ and has captured low amateur honors in many of the programs held here.

Doug Olson, the talented youngster from Medford who won the Northwest Invitational Amateur at McNary earlier in the season, has filed an entry. Millard Porter, the long-hitting Madras player, who has won almost every Central Oregon tournament at least once, will display his wares as will Jack Mattison, the respected Eugene clubber.

Members of the clubs belonging to the Oregon Golf Assn. are warned that the field will be cut off at 120 players, and that they must file their entries immediately if they wish to be assured of a spot. Entries may be returned to Jerry Cloninger at the club.

Bogey brings Palmer cash at golf's Western Open

CHICAGO (UPI) — Usually a bogey won't win a duffer a beer, but for pro golf's leading money winner, Arnold Palmer, a bogey was good for \$11,000 and the Western Open championship.

Palmer won with a bogey because Julius Boros got a double bogey. The third playoff contestant, Jack Nicklaus, also got a bogey.

The over-all performance of the trio on the 205-yard 17th hole at Beverly Country Club Monday may have been the worst ever on network television or in the final round of a \$57,200 tournament.

Palmer, who wound up with a one-under-par 70 for the 6,867-yard course, said he had "seen worse," however, Boros finished with a 71 and Nicklaus with a 73.

Palmer, who said he played "pretty well for 13 holes—and then I wasn't too sharp," started the 17th tied with Boros at two under par, with Nicklaus even par.

Hydro wreckage recovered

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (UPI) — The wreckage of the unlimited hydroplane Miss Exide has been recovered from 126 feet of water in Lake Coeur d'Alene.

Salvagers brought the wreckage to the surface Monday. Miss Exide blew apart Sunday in the final heat of the sixth annual Diamond Cup race.

The right side of the boat disintegrated after being peeled back like a banana. The left side is nearly intact, but owners said there is no chance the boat will be rebuilt.

Mira Slovak, the driver, was tossed from the boat and is recovering at a hospital. He has a minor fracture of the right ankle and will have to wear a knee-high cast, but x-rays showed no skull fracture as was feared at first.

Hit Into Trap

Palmer hit into a trap and Boros into the rough behind the green. Nicklaus' tee shot stopped five feet from the pin.

Palmer's blast from the trap went 35 feet past the pin and Boros dubbed his approach and his ball stopped 22 feet short of the flag. Both missed their first putts.

This set up a situation in which there could have been a three-way deadlock if each player sank his next putt. Instead, Nicklaus missed and three-putted for his four. Palmer sank his putt for the bogey. Boros, barely 18 inches from the flag, missed and three-putted for a five.

This hole wrapped up Palmer's sixth tournament championship of the year. On the 18th he parred, missing a 12-foot birdie putt, but Boros missed his birdie try from seven feet to lose his comeback chance.

The trio tied for first place after the 18th hole.

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Caterpillar invasion of eastern Oregon sage lands 'alarming'

Special to The Bulletin
PORTLAND — An extensive caterpillar invasion of sage lands in eastern Oregon is being viewed with alarm by the game commission, Phil Schneider, state game director, advised today.

Any substantial loss of sage from this insect pest would be extremely detrimental to deer, antelope and sage grouse, Schneider said, and would be particularly acute on winter ranges where sage forms an important part of the diet of these game birds and animals.

According to Miles Langdon, range specialist for the game commission, the culprit is a small moth larva which has infected nearly 100 per cent of all species of sage in southeastern, central and parts of northeastern Oregon.

Langdon reported the larva, about 1/4 of an inch long, rolls a few leaves into a ball, apparently for a house, and feeds on the leaves and along the stem. The infection is rather inconspicuous in its early stages, but quickly

erupts to the acute stage. Severely infected plants have a brownish-yellowish appearance and are literally crawling with the larva, Langdon reported. Final effect on the plants has not been determined, but on a similar small scale observed last year in Lake

County, defoliation in some instances was sufficient to kill the plants.

According to Schneider, an inspection by range specialists in Harney county revealed that all sage lands in the county have the infestation. Areas at the elevation of Burns show sage heavily infested. At higher elevations in the Steens and Stinking Water mountains, infestation appears lighter but is affecting nearly all sage plants.

Similar conditions were found in Malheur county, Schneider said. In the vicinity of Burns Junction, Rome, Jordan Valley, and the Whitehorse and Mahogany mountains infestation ranged from complete defoliation at the lower elevations to light consumption at the mountain tops.

Bend, Brothers, Prineville, Mitchell, John Day and Columbia Basin sage lands show varying degrees of larval infestation. California and Nevada are also experiencing this outbreak.

Schneider advised that at present entomologists know very little about the moth larva causing the damage. Until recently it has gone unnoticed and its identity is still not positive. Extension Service entomologists at Oregon State University are gathering information, and collections of larva are being made in several counties. Schneider said the U.S. Department of Agriculture has been asked to coordinate the work on this insect to determine its life history, effect on wildlife resources, and control methods.

Brandis gains Bantam title

PORTLAND (UPI) — Pendleton tackle Ron White Monday was named to the State team for the 16th annual Shriners' Hospital all-star football game at Multnomah Stadium Aug. 17.

White, who is 5-11 and 185 pounds, was picked to replace North Salem tackle Loren Whitaker on the 27-man squad.

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Gus Johnson quits Idaho, signs pro

BALTIMORE, Md. (UPI) — The Baltimore Bullets announced Monday that Gus Johnson, their No. 2 collegiate draft choice, will pass up his remaining year of eligibility at the University of Idaho to report to the National Basketball Association team in training Sept. 9 at Fort George Meade, Md.

The six-foot-six Johnson was the country's leading rebounder in 1962-63. His signing increased the number of players in the Bullets' fold to four.

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Buck gets nod

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