

Hostak Knocks Steele Out in First Round to Annex Championship

FRED FLATTENED FOUR TIMES BY TERRIFIC BLOWS

Left Cross to Jaw in Opening Seconds Leaves Tacoma Boy Loop-Legged—Hostak Happy in Victory

By Frank Gorrie
SEATTLE, July 27.—(AP)—Al "Hostak" Hostak, a 23-year-old kid from the Georgetown brewery district of Seattle who would as soon punch you in the nose as shake hands, won the world's middleweight championship crown today.

The overall youngster, wielding a murderous left hand, battered down Freddie Steele, the Tacoma boy who held the title two years, four times to win in one minute, 43 seconds of the first round of their scheduled 15 round bout.

Hostak Happy

A huge throng of some 30,000 hardily realized the battle was over when referee Jack Dempsey counted ten over the glassy-eyed Steele who lay bleeding and battered in the rosin. It took Hostak, too, some time to realize he was the champion, but when he did he jumped and danced all over the ring.

"I am the happiest guy in the country," cried Hostak. "I saw a hole and let that left go. Boy am I happy."

And that's just the way the bout finished. Al spotted an opening thru Steele's guard, let fly with a left cross to the jaw, and Steele went down in a heap. He was so far gone he didn't know what to do and consequently did the wrong thing. He got right up groggy and weaving and was an easy mark for the rest of the way.

Hostak charged in throwing punches from every direction and Steele bounced twice more before he finally took a vicious right that finished him.

Gate Near \$90,000

Steele will get between \$50,000 and \$55,000 for his final defense of his title, it was estimated today, as his share of the gate receipts, which will be near the \$90,000 mark. Hostak will get 10 per cent of the receipts after the taxes have been deducted.

"I wish Al good luck," said Steele from under an ice pack in the dressing room. "I did the same thing once"—meaning he won the title from Babe Ritzko here two years ago. "They all get caught up with something. I was pretty well shaken. Say, can you tell me how many times I went down?"

And Hostak asked the same question. He didn't know, either, the number of times he flattened Freddie Steele to rest.

Steele, an expectant papa, will take an extended rest before he considers returning to the ring, his manager, Eddie Miller, said.

Eddie Martino, Hostak's manager, commented: "I know Al could lick him two years ago. We are ready to meet all comers but we haven't any plans yet."

Hostak has been at the business since high school days and he now boasts 16 consecutive knockouts. He has had 69 battles and lost but one. That was to Jimmy Best of Tacoma when he was a welterweight. Later he got even with Jimmy. He has never been knocked out of his feet.

Dempsey called Hostak "the nearest thing to Stanley Ketchell we ever had had in the light arena."

Dempsey praised Steele's gameness and disclosed the fallen titleholder had wanted to continue even after being counted out.

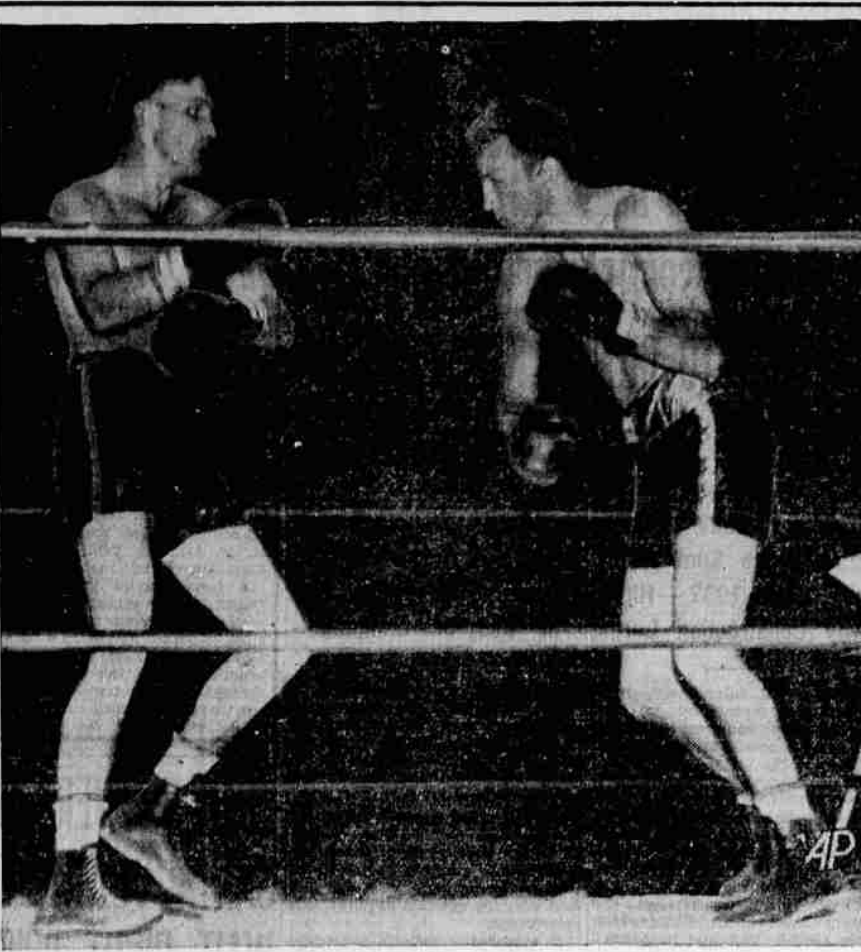
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Coast League			
W.	L.	PC.	
Los Angeles	59	30	380
Sacramento	68	51	371
Seattle	62	56	325
San Diego	62	57	321
San Francisco	61	59	308
Portland	56	62	275
Hollywood	55	64	262
Oakland	43	77	388
National			
W.	L.	PC.	
Pittsburgh	53	31	631
New York	51	37	580
Chicago	50	37	575
Cincinnati	48	38	558
Brooklyn	40	47	460
Boston	38	48	429
St. Louis	38	48	429
Philadelphia	26	57	313
American			
W.	L.	PC.	
New York	52	29	642
Cleveland	50	30	625
Boston	48	33	592
Washington	46	33	573
Chicago	35	39	473
Detroit	41	46	471
Philadelphia	31	47	397
St. Louis	28	57	305

Wed in Grants Pass
GRANTS PASS, Ore., July 27.—(AP)—Mrs. Marguerite W. Finch of Berkeley, Cal., and Lt.-Col. Isaac W. Nichol were married here yesterday by Dr. H. S. Reichard, Presbyterian minister. They will return to Fort Lewis, Wash., where the officer is stationed in the inspector-general's department of the army.

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Left Hook Knocks Steele's Crown Loose



Al "Hostak" Hostak, right, has just stepped back after delivering a left hook which started Champion Freddie Steele toward the floor in the first round of the championship bout at Seattle. Hostak won the middleweight crown by a technical knockout after one minute and 43 seconds of the first round when former Heavyweight Champion Jack Dempsey tolled the 10-count over the fallen middleweight ruler.

WHITE CONTINUES HEAVIEST HITTER IN ENTIRE LEAGUE

Tommy White, Medford's slugging young outfielder, is still the Southern Oregon league's leading batsman thanks to three hits in six trips to the plate against Ashland last Sunday which boosted his average eight points to .478.

Close behind is Paul "Hoosier" Hoffman, an outfield teammate of White's whose four hits in four chances catapulted him from eighth place to second and upped his mark 61 points to .439. Leonard Patterson, Ashland first baseman, holds down third place and then comes two more Medford players, Manager Wally Rickett and Cliff "Chief" McLean, with averages of .418 and .400, respectively. Of the league's first five leading hitters, four of them are Medfordites, all batting .400 or over.

The Craters are far ahead of all other teams in combined batting with a mark of .325, with Yreka in second place with .271.

Averages released by League Secretary Austin Prazier follow:

Team Batting			
AB	R.	H.	Avg.
Medford	408	111	.273
Yreka	390	105	.271
Grants Pass	377	65	.174
Crescent City	402	70	.174
Glendale	354	43	.121
Ashland	391	56	.143

Individual Batting (Over 300, over 4 G.)			
AB	R.	H.	Avg.
White, Medford	23	7	.304
Hoffman, Medford	41	14	.341
Patterson, Ashland	21	2	.095
Rickett, Medford	43	18	.418
McLean, Medford	45	12	.267
M. Koll, C. City	38	15	.394
Avery, Glendale	33	10	.303
Willis, Glendale	31	12	.387
Hess, Ashland	21	8	.381
Clary, Yreka	14	2	.143
Porterfield, Ashland	40	10	.250
Poster, Yreka	21	3	.143
Hugh, Crescent City	12	2	.167
Stevens, Grants Pass	18	3	.167
Shelton, Yreka	43	7	.163
Drollette, G. Pass	34	11	.323
Crippen, G. Pass	31	5	.161
Mason, C. City	47	7	.149
Leavens, Ashland	42	7	.167
Schoff, Ashland	44	10	.227
Lewis, Medford	41	13	.317
Reynolds, C. City	41	8	.195
Hall, Glendale	35	4	.114
Blacksmith, G. Pass	45	11	.244
Short, Yreka	29	6	.207
Ager, Ashland	39	4	.103
Smith, Medford	20	7	.350

Wild Bill Boyd Now Dempsey's Protege

SEATTLE, July 27.—(AP)—Jack Dempsey came here to referee last night's Steele-Hostak fight and acquired a new heavyweight protege.

The former heavyweight champion signed papers yesterday for the personal supervision of Wild Bill Boyd of Seattle, former navy heavyweight champion, in New York City.

Boyd will leave for the east in August and fight in New York City this fall.

Dempsey took him under his wing after watching him in a secret bout with a well-known heavyweight.

TIMBER, BOXMEN CLASH FOR TITLE THURSDAY NIGHT

Games Tonight
Division A
Office Boys vs. Catholic Men, 8:00 P. M.
Piche vs. Maid-Rite, 9:00 P. M.
Division B
Lewis Super vs. Elks, 8:00 P. M.
Western States vs. Zoric, 9:00 P. M.

Timber Products and Wooden Boxmen smashed out division A softball victories at the stadium last night to end the second-half pennant race in a deadlock for first place.

The Timbermen belted Jennings Tire company, 10 to 3, and the Boxers overwhelmed Lamports', 11 to 4.

By their conquests, the two bitter rivals wound up the second-half slate with six wins and one loss and set the stage for a playoff game for the title tomorrow night. The game will start at 9 P. M.

In case Wooden Boxmen win, a three-game series for the season championship will be staged next week. Timber Products, first-half pennant winners, can clinch the championship by beating the Boxmen in the second-half playoff encounter.

Timber Products beat Jennings by scoring eight runs in the third inning, with Dick Lewis providing the spark by clouting a homer with the bases loaded. Bob Smith also hit for the circuit for the winners, and Schaeffer, Jennings Tire, batted in all his team's runs with a triple with three aboard.

Bert Luman hit a home run and P. Smith clouted three safeties to pace the Wooden Box attack against Lamports'. Scripper of the losers obtained three of his team's six hits off Morris Steiner, Boxmen hurler.

In division B battles, Zoric swamped Crocetera, 27 to 4, and Lewis Super Service beat Western States Grocery, 13 to 10.

Scores: R. H. E.
Timber Products 10 11 3
Jennings Tire 3 4 2
Dale and J. Smith; R. Stinger and Stewart.

R. H. E.
Wooden Boxmen 11 13 1
Lamports' 4 6 4
Steiner and Wilson; Monteith and Gillispie.

Idaho, Utah Form Baseball League

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, July 27.—(AP) Return of professional baseball to Idaho and Utah next spring was assured today as seven class C ball clubs formally organized the "Pioneer" league.

The 16-week season, six games a week, with Mondays open for traveling, will open May 1, 1939.

Lewiston, Boise, Pocatello and Twin Falls, Idaho, and Salt Lake and Ogden, Utah, will definitely be members of the league, formed to fit into major and minor league farm systems.

Provo, Utah, has posted franchise money, and if another club is signed, the Pioneer league will be an eight-club circuit.

SILVERTON WINS OPENER WITH FIVE-HIT PITCHING

SILVERTON, Ore., July 27.—(AP)—Silvertown, Oregon representative, won the opening game of the Pacific northwest semi-pro championships last night, 13 to 2, when George "Windy" Windsor held the Eastern State hospital team of Medical Lake, Washington representative, to five hits.

For Utility District
PORTLAND, Ore., July 27.—(AP)—A proposed Cascade Lakes people's utility district to distribute Bonneville dam power was favored in an Oregon hydro-electric commission report yesterday.

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen says:
Ashland's Mentor Being Considered As School Chief

Forrest "Skeet" O'Connell is a very enterprising and ambitious gentleman. In his two short years as coach of Ashland high school's athletic teams, the ex-Oregon State college basketball star has done such a fine job and made so many friends that he is actually being seriously considered for the position of city school superintendent.

George A. Briscoe has resigned after many years as superintendent of the school board and the post has not yet been filled.

That bit of rather startling information comes to us direct from one of our most reliable Ashland operatives, and can be relied upon as the real McCoy regarding the interesting question as to who will be the next city school superintendent.

Not that Skeet has the position clinched, after the inside track, our operative reports. But he is said to be seriously in the running, with the school board looking at him with extremely favorable eyes.

It might seem strange that so young a man could be given more than a passing thought by the board in scrutinizing applicants for the job, but there is a reason. According to our operative, the school board has decided leanings toward the "new blood" idea, and figures that Skeet might be just the gent they want to inject plenty of youthful enthusiasm into administration of school affairs in Ashland. The board, itself, is composed of men far from the doddering stage, which probably has something to do with the way it feels about the superintendent business.

Whether Skeet would prove an efficient school superintendent we do not know, but it's a cinch that if he is elected to the post the Grizzlies will lose a mighty fine athletic coach. Of course, he couldn't retain his present duties if he were elevated to the superintendency. It is also pretty certain that if he is named superintendent, the schools of Ashland can look for an athletic program to compare with any in the state.

Orval Hampel, Medford's new second baseman, is OK.

The slender, natural-looking ball player who plays first base for the Wooden Box softball team, passed his first Southern Oregon

league test at Ashland Sunday in great style, and Manager Wally Rickett spurs no words in praising the newcomer.

Hampel covers a lot of territory around second base. He goes down after ground balls like he knows what it's all about, and possesses a good throwing arm. He might be a little slow on taking double play throws and relaying them to first base, but otherwise he appears to fit in nicely.

Orval is a left-handed hitter with a smooth, hard swing something like Tommy White's. He won't hit many homers or triples, probably, but will get more than his share of singles and two-base knocks. He hits sharp drives, that's what.

With the addition of Hampel to the roster, that makes six left-handed hitters going to the plate and only three playing batting from the right side of the platter. Hoffard, White, Rickett, Smith and Brown, in addition to Hampel, clout from the south side, and only McLean, Lewis and Calvert swing right-handed.

Those six southpaw hitters are going to make things very uncomfortable for the league's right-handed pitchers.

Grants Pass makes its last appearance of the season here next Sunday, and the game could not be played under more dramatic circumstances. The Merchants and Craters are tied for first place with three wins and no losses, so the victor will jump into the undisputed league lead.

To date, the clubs have split even. Medford winning here May 15, 6 to 3, and Steve Crippen blanking the Craters at Grants Pass June 19, 4 to 0. Both games were in the first-half.

Crippen will probably open for the Merchant mound, while Lowell Brown will fog them over for the Craters. However, Manager Jud Pernell may start young Orval Hoffman as a surprise move, after the upset defeat he handed Crescent City last Sunday. Hoffman pitched 11-hit ball in downing the first-half champions, so may get the call against Medford.

Bolt Picks Hen
GREENVILLE, Pa., July 27.—(AP)—Lightning struck Richard Holmes' chicken house, stripping the feathers from one side of a hen. Apparently uninjured, she continues steady egg production.

ORIN SCHENCK IS PACE SETTER FOR TOURNEY PLAYERS

Orin Schenck, with a great 197, continued to set a blistering pace in the H. Chandler Egan Memorial golf tournament at the Rogue Valley club, as 40 players finished their third round of play in the 72-hole medal handicap affair. B. Catey followed with a total 201 for the 54 holes, and Eddie Simmons was in third place with 203.

Final rounds of the tourney will be played Sunday, with pairings for the last 18 holes to be announced Friday. Some golfers have not yet finished their first three rounds, but will do so today and tomorrow.

Following are the total scores for shot-makers who have completed the first three rounds:

O. Schenck	197	T. Porter	218
B. Catey	201	B. Orr	218
E. Simmons	203	B. Williams	218
Doc Bommer	204	Al Clement	219
G. Harrington	205	C. Adair	220
L. Nass	206	D. Milestone	221
L. Clark	206	H. Hathaway	222
S. Houston	208	P. Patterson	222
I. Harrington	209	A. E. Long	224
E. Woodin	209	S. Reigel	225
L. Watson	209	G. Robinson	225
H. Ravizza	210	M. Pierce	225
W. Kincaid	210	Al Heern	226
H. Price	211	B. Bauer	226
B. McAllister	211	V. Rolfe	226
R. Royer	211	Bob Watson	232
S. Appolo	213	W. Pruitt	232
J. A. Wood	215	Don Clark	234
V. J. Robinson	215	A. Waker	237
G. Codding	217	J. H. Beal	238

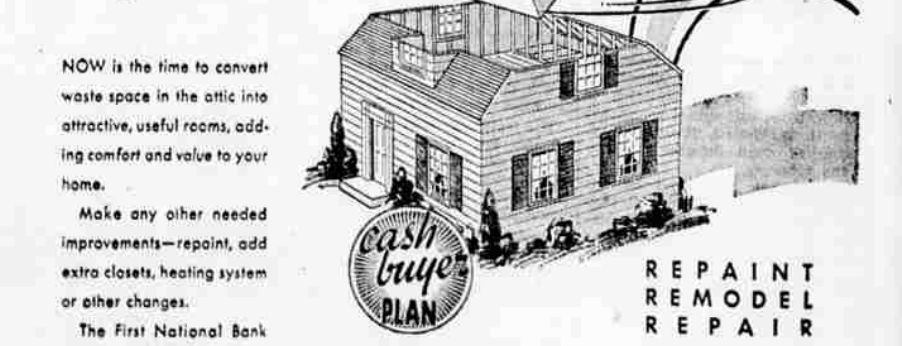
CALLING ALL BOWLERS FOR MEETING TONIGHT

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New Middleweight Champ Slugging Type of Fighter

SEATTLE, July 27.—(UP)—The new middleweight boxing champion of the world—22-year-old curly-haired Al Hostak of Seattle—is a slugger.

They call Hostak the "Savage Slav," but he is just a big, good-natured kid, next to the youngest in a family of six.

He started fighting in a fire station gymnasium, climbed into a ring for the first time five years ago. He had 48 fights, won the last 15 until he got the greatest chance of his career.

Two or three times Al thought he would quit the ring while he climbed the ladder, but he always came back. His father, a glass-worker who brought his trade from Czechoslovakia, told Al he had no objection to his fighting, but he wanted him to be a good fighter.

The boy heeded the advice. He's the best in his class today.

Hostak was born in Minneapolis in 1916. He came to Seattle in 1917 and has lived here since. He resides in an "overall" section of the city called Georgetown, near Boeing field, the city's airport.

He has made little money so far in his career, compared to what lies ahead of him as a champion. But he has given his parents and those brothers and sisters who still live at home a new house, bought a service station which his oldest married brother operates, and purchased a farm.

The farm, however, is mainly a place to fish. The son-in-law said he wouldn't give ten cents for the farming that could be done there.

Al spent a quiet day at home before the fight, had a good dinner which his mother cooked, and then went to the stadium with his father. His mother has seen all his fights. His father never goes. Al wouldn't let her.

Galento Knocks Out Broncho Pneumonia

ORANGE, N. J., July 27.—(AP)—Two-ton Tony Galento knocked "that bum"—broncho-pneumonia—through the ropes today.

Definite improvement in the heavyweight fighter's condition was reported by his physician, Dr. Joseph Hiet.

No more blood transfusions are contemplated, the doctor said. Tony had one yesterday and two on Sunday.

Dempsey took him under his wing after watching him in a secret bout with a well-known heavyweight.

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