

SPORTS

JOHNSON AWAITS CHANCE TO MEET HOODED MATMAN

Another capacity crowd is expected at Medford armory to night when Gloomy Gus Johnson tries his hand at an attempt to stop the Gray Mask in the top main event of Promoter Mack Lillard's weekly bone-crushing contest. "Old Stoneface," as the Mask is known to the grappling profession, has promised to unmask if legitimately beaten and Johnson aims to do a thorough job of it in order to find out what the Mask has under his hood which makes his head butts so dangerous. Lillard cautioned that his agreement with the Mask does not call for him to unmask if he loses a match by a foul but only if he is planned for the best two out of three falls.

Interest in the semi-windup has reached a high pitch the past few days, closely rivaling the main event enthusiasm. Terrible Tony Ross will be given a chance to get even with Jack Kiser for accepting a decision on a foul in their match three weeks ago. Ross claims his choke hold was not enough to justify Referee Earl Yonkley's stopping the match and promises to go

all-out to even the score. Ernie Piluso and Milt Olson meet in the 8:30 curtain raiser.

TORNADO TO FACE ASHLAND FRIDAY, PELICANS AT G. P.

A vastly-improved Ashland high basketball crew will entertain the league-leading Medford Black Tornado Friday night in a Southern Oregon conference clash booked for the Ashland Junior high gym. Medford, riding atop a 12 game winning streak, polished off the Klamath Falls Pelicans in easy fashion in their last trip to the hardwoods but figure to encounter considerable trouble with the Grizzly aggregation.

Coach Al Simpson said today he is still working on improvements in his team's fast break and man-to-man defense, as well as strenuous practice at the free throw line.

Klamath Falls will be making a desperate bid to keep out of the cellar position when they meet the Grants Pass Cavemen at Grants Pass Friday and Saturday nights. Should Grants Pass come through with victories both nights the Pelicans will become owners of the bottom spot. Simpson announced today that Salem will meet his team in a return game here February 6.

BOWLING

In City league last night Union Oil took three straight games over Firestone (Schantol 212-Welsenburger 580). State Police took two out of three from Office Boys (Klatt 179-Colton 493) and PMT won two out of three from Henry's Drive-In (Holman 221-592).

BASKETBALL

By United Press
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Navy 61, Pennsylvania 41.
Louisiana State 59, Southwestern Louisiana Institute 44.
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Army 33, Penn State 28.
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Commissioner Seeks Proper Method For Scoring Fights

By Jack Cuddy
United Press Correspondent

New York, Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—Eddie Egan, new chairman of the New York boxing commission, will tackle soon the most perplexing problem in all sports: the proper scoring of fights. He seeks an accurate, fool-proof system to replace the dissatisfactory round-by-round method currently used in New York and many other states.

Blunt-nosed Eddie, former Olympic and A.E.F. champion, made this announcement at the annual boxing writers' dinner last night in Ruppert's brewery, where Lt. Cmdr. Benny Leonard was presented with the Edward J. Nell award for outstanding contributions to the sport during 1944.

Egan seeks a solution to the problem that has baffled experts since finish-fights faded out in most states in the early 1800's. Despite improvements in technique and staging during almost a half-century, no satisfactory method of scoring has yet been discovered. Boxing stands out as the only major sport in which a full-distance winner is determined entirely by the opinion of officials. Even racing has its

photo-finish camera to decide accurately the victor in close contests.

Close contests in the ring, however, usually result in disagreement among the officials—in split decisions, and sometimes draws. These verdicts nearly always are accompanied by vociferous disagreement among boxing writers and fans. This unfortunate situation prevails for the lowliest preliminary at a small club or for a million-dollar heavyweight title fight.

Several recent decisions in New York provoked such widespread criticism and argument that Chairman Egan decided: "Here is my first major task as new head of the commission." In seeking a solution, he will hold conferences with ring officials and with boxing writers, meanwhile drawing upon his own experiences as an amateur boxing champion and as an official at amateur bouts.

BEAVERS REPEAT OVER WASHINGTON

Corvallis, Ore., Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—The Oregon State College Beavers last night routed the University of Washington Huskies 63-43 for the second time in the teams' current basketball series.

The defeat dropped Washington out of the conference lead and shoved Oregon up into first place in the northern division standings by a half game margin.

gin. Oregon State now has a firmer grip on third place.

OCTAVIA WADDELL HIGH SHOOTER AT RIFLE CLUB

Octavia Waddell upheld high honors at the Wednesday night rifle shoot with a score of 378, while Max Terzenbach was second with 362, Lew Conger third with 359, Clyde Richmond fourth, 354 and Charles Bottjer fifth with 341.

A good crowd of ambitious shooters were present for the event and a general improvement in scores was noted by the shooters.

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This all-time record purse will be available in three separate tournaments, scheduled to start simultaneously and attracting upwards of 2,000 of the nation's greatest tenpin artists from the United States, Canada and the Aleutian Islands.

Louis P. (Big Louie) Petersen's dollars are the big lure, having attracted an all-time record high of 1,728 entries for his 33rd individual classic. Holding averages of 180 or better, the star-spangled field will roll eight games for the \$43,200, which has been split up into 469 prizes.

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