

Carothers Wins Welter Title In Amateur Boxing Bout Here

By Harry Chipman
Kenny Carothers, Grants Pass boxer sensation, won the southern Oregon welterweight amateur championship when he outpointed Darrell Johnson, blond Medford puncher, in the feature match of the Southern Oregon Boxing club's fistic offering at the armory last night.

Although Carothers, fighting at 144 pounds, made good use of a snake-like left hand, most of the first heat was spent in feeling each other out but in the second frame the boys got down to the business at hand.

They exchanged some hefty swats but it was Carothers who always seemed to have a little bit the better of the duels.

Final Round Brawl
At the outset of the third round Johnson started to pound Carothers and at the end both boys were covered with Johnson's blood. Although the final frame was a brawl most of the way, Johnson's blows definitely were losing steam and Carothers was coming to the finish wire in good shape.

It was a good fight and Carothers well deserves the championship. He should be a good champion and an asset to boxing in southern Oregon.

Johnson, in defeat, didn't lose any followers and deserves lots of credit but he was up against a boy with too many guns.

Wolfe Gains Decision
Donovan Wolfe further endeared himself to the fans by punching out a decision over Dale Odom in the lower half of the main event. It was Wolfe's straight left which earned the nod. It repeatedly found its mark on Odom's facial features.

It was a dandy mix from the start but Odom, at 160 pounds, gave away a little too much weight to Wolfe's 172.

The fans, about 500 or 600 in number, showed their appreciation of Wolfe by voting him the card's most popular fighter. The vote was by applause. He was presented a trophy from the boxing club.

Harper Gains KO
Don Harper, the Gold Hill flash, knocked out Russ Williams, Grants Pass, in a minute and 45 seconds of the first round. Harper, who was beaten by Wolfe two weeks ago, started out determined to get back in the win column and went after Williams in killer fashion.

The Grants Pass kid was nailed by a flurry to the head and it was a right to the chin which dropped Williams. His head hit the floor with a thud and Referee Johnny Bruce didn't even bother to count.

Dr. W. G. Bishop, examining physician, said Williams didn't seem to be badly hurt and that there were no signs of internal injuries.

Gene Sheppard scored a third round knockout over Bill Moore in his preliminary bout. They started out like they were in love but in the second round they lost their affection for each other and the final frame looked like they were mortal enemies.

Moore Hits Canvas
Moore was decked by a two-fisted attack to the face and, although he got up at the count of eight, he was in no shape to

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

SPORTS

Eagle Point Baseball Schedules Announced

Eagle Point, Mar. 9.—Baseball practice for the Eagle Point high squad will open next Monday, Coach "Shy" Callaghan announced today as he revealed the Eagles' schedule of games in the Southern Oregon conference and in the J-D-J league.

He said his principal problem will be to find pitchers with only two or three freshmen and sophomores available. Pat Simmons who played quite a bit of summer as well as high school baseball, is back to steady down the infield.

Open at Medford
The Eagles open their season against Medford at the Medford high field Friday afternoon, March 31.

Other games include: April 8—Sutherlin at Eagle Point; April 11—At Ashland; April 15—At Myrtle Creek; April 18—Central Point at Eagle Point; April 22—At Sutherlin; April 25—Medford at Eagle Point; and April 28—Illinois Valley (Kerby) at Eagle Point.

Home Games Timed
Also May 2—Grants Pass at Eagle Point; May 5—Myrtle Creek at Eagle Point; May 9—At Central Point; May 13—At Illinois Valley; May 16—At Grants Pass; and May 19—Ashland at Eagle Point.

Home games for Eagle Point may be played at the Camp White Veterans center field where most of the Eagles' foot-

ball games have been played. Tuesday and Friday games will start at 3 p.m. and Saturday tilts at 2 p.m.

Peterson, Kahut Battle March 14
Portland, Ore., Mar. 9.—Bill Peterson and Joe Kahut will punch for the Pacific Northwest heavyweight championship in a 15-round fight here at the Civic auditorium Tuesday night, March 14.

Tex Saikeld, matchmaker for the National Boxing club, signed the title bout after months of negotiations. Peterson agreed to defend the crown after the Portland boxing commission issued an ultimatum that he do so or relinquish the title.

Peterson won the championship from Kahut in May, 1948, when he copped a 15-round split decision after one of the greatest heavyweight fights ever staged in a local ring.

He has defended it successfully against the challenge of Roy Hawkins, whom he knocked out twice, and Hardrock Gordon, whom he stopped last fall.

Duck Frosh Basketball Team To Help Varsity
Eugene, Ore., Mar. 9.—One of the best freshman teams in Oregon history might furnish the material needed to revitalize the varsity squad for the 1950-51 basketball season. The Ducklings won 18 and lost one to rank high in the record books with previous top freshman teams.

Only the 1936 team, which as seniors won the NCAA championship in 1939, which won 19 and lost one, and the 1938 club, which won 17 straight, had better victory production than the 1950 Duckling squad.

Camp Adair Area Taken For State 'Bird Farm'
Portland, Ore., Mar. 9.—(U.P.)—The game commission said former army Camp Adair, north of Corvallis, will be converted into a state game bird farm.

The Camp Adair tract will be developed in place of the Eugene game farm operation, which is to be closed down after the 1950 pheasant chick crop is distributed.

WILLY BEAN WINS NOD
Oakland, Cal., Mar. 9.—(U.P.)—Willy Bean, 206, Los Angeles, outpointed Al Hoosman, 212½, San Francisco (10).

Dead line Sunday Classified Noon Saturdays.

Releasing Legal Trout In Coast Streams, Lakes

Early releases of legal-sized trout from state game commission hatcheries, for the trout season are well under way. Lakes and streams along the Oregon coast have been stocked with 82,000 yearling cutthroat.

The big fish trucks are operating at the Butte Falls hatchery. To meet the increased production of the fish hatcheries, the game commission now has six fish liberation trucks, three of them new, and seven portable fish tanks, five of them new. The fish tanks were designed and built by game commission personnel during the winter months.

Planes to Fly Fish
As soon as winter releases its grip, a specially equipped plane will fly fish to the back country lakes of the Cascades and the Willows. Mules will be employed to pack the smallest mountain lakes.

Yearling fish now being released run from five to nine inches in length. Robert Holloway, of the game commission, said in most streams many more fish reach the anglers' creel when yearling instead of fingerling size fish are stocked.

The liberation of yearling fish will continue through the summer along with thinning out plants of small fish.

FW Training Sites Picked

San Francisco, Mar. 9.—(U.P.)—Pre-season practice sessions will soon open throughout the west for a flock of minor league baseball clubs.

Most class B western international clubs open their training camps the last week in March, with the loop schedule set to open on April 18. The class C California league will report the week starting March 24, as will the class D Far West league.

The teams and their training camp sites include: Far West league (class D)—Pittsburg at Richmond (tentative); Willows at Fullerton; Marysville at home; Redding at home; Medford, Ore., at Santa Maria, Cal.; Klamath Falls, Ore., at Lodi, Cal.; Eugene, Ore., at Monterey, Cal.; Reno, Nev., at Yuba City, Cal.

Salem High Enters 'A' Class State Cage Play
Salem, Ore., Mar. 9.—(U.P.)—Salem's Vikings today were the last team to qualify for the Oregon state class "A" basketball tournament which opens next Tuesday at Eugene.

The Vikings defeated Mt. Angel 33 to 21 last night in the finals of the district 11 playoffs at Salem.

BOWLING COMMERCIAL LEAGUE
A. Huntmann rolled a 545 for high individual series and B. Watkins was credited with a 217 for high individual game when the Commercial Bowling league held its weekly competition last night at the Medford Bowling lanes alleys.

Eagles lodge recorded high team series and high game with 2,615 and 906 respectively.

COMMERCIAL STANDINGS

Teams	W	L
Pepsi-Cola	27	13
Eagles Lodge	24	16
Werner's Bricklayers	23	17
Saylor's Barber Shop	21	19
Ellis Grocery	20	20
Henry's Drive-in	19	21
California-Pacific	13	27
Medford Motors	13	27

Pepsi-Cola 4	Saylor's 0
Ekland	406
Huntmann	345
Shaw	406
Somerville	521
Rice	309
2339	2262

Eagles 4	Med. Motors 0
Culley	465
Tripp	468
Muller	420
Moser	517
Mann	541
2615	2387

Ellis Groc. 4	Werner's 0
Ellis	406
Rose	368
Nordstrom	448
W. South	430
Wood	468
2341	2253

Cal-Pacific 3	Henry's Inn 1
Kyker	450
Neal	425
Hartzell	458
N. Smith	525
Ward	461
2366	2318

Bob Hamilton Visitor Here For Several Days
Bob Hamilton, former Medford high basketball coach and University of Oregon cage star, is a visitor in Medford for a few days after finishing the basketball season in Canada where he played and coached a semi-pro team this last winter.

Yesterday he visited for awhile at the high school and has been calling on friends throughout the city. While here he is staying at Holland hotel.

U.P. Selects North, South All-Star '5'

Los Angeles, Mar. 9.—(U.P.)—Washington State and UCLA, each a division champion, landed two men each on the Pacific Coast conference northern and southern division all-star teams announced today by PCC coaches.

WSC placed Forward Ed Gayda and Center Gene Conley on the northern team, while the Bruins placed Center Karl Kraushaar and Guard George Stanich on the southern quintet.

Other members of the northern team were Will Urban, Oregon forward; Bob Pritchett, Idaho guard; and Louie Soriano, Washington guard. Gayda, the lone senior on the club; Conley and Soriano were unanimous choices.

In the south, United Press second-team All-American Bill Sharran of Southern California teams with Stanford's George Yardley at forward. California's Bob Matheny holds down the other guard spot.

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Gems Seeking More Money

Klamath Falls, Ore., March 9.—Bond sales and pledges totaling \$22,000 have been made by Klamath Falls residents to support spring training expenses of the Klamath Falls Gems of the Far West league, Business Manager Dick Maguire said today.

The club needs \$35,000 to cover early season expenses. There's no indication the money won't be raised," Maguire said, "and once we have that amount, the club will be operating in the clear."

The bond campaign began only two weeks ago. Except for the new Eugene, Ore., entry to the league, Klamath Falls is the only Far West team that owns its ball park. The last debt on the field was paid off after last year's profitable season, Maguire said.

In paying off the debt, the Gems used money that was to have covered spring training expenses. So far, \$12,000 worth of bonds have been sold and \$10,000 in pledges have been made, Maguire said.

NCAA, NIB Picks Losers
New York, Mar. 9.—(U.P.)—You can change that old saying to read, "There is no fury like a basketball team scorned."

For that's the situation in the college cage ranks today as three teams who got nothing but icy stares from the post-season tournament committees unleashed their rage on three teams already picked for the classics and gave them an unlovely belting.

Holy Cross, first team to be picked for the N.C.A.A. Lamor-Whirl, got the business from Yale, 66 to 62, and Yale was just an Ivy league also-ran.

Duquesne, hit with the blind staggers just about the time it got tapped for the National Invitation tournament, was pummeled with its third straight defeat, 68 to 52, by Villanova.

And Syracuse, another N.I.T. team, was dumped by Canisius, an upstate New York rival which was passed over by the committee, 65 to 64.

OSC Track Look Not Too Bright
Corvallis, Mar. 9.—Grant "Doc" Swan is off to an early start in building his 1950 Oregon State track and field team. The thin-clad are running through daily outdoor workouts and should be in good shape for their opening meet in April.

With two standout aces missing from last year's team, prospects for a strong squad this spring are just fair. Although strong in certain events, present indications are the Orange will lack balance. It will be hard to replace Bob Lindlaw, star broad jumper, and Jerry Cole, speedy sprinter and low hurdler.

Oregon State's greatest strength will be centered in the distance races where, unfortunately, most of the other northern division schools also are potent.

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MARKING TIME with HANK GREEN

One of the more pleasant aspects of sports writing is attending banquets or similar affairs for athletic squads and last Saturday we had the pleasure of sitting in one of the best we have ever attended.

Over at the junior high school basketball squads of the seventh, eighth and ninth grades dined at guests of their dads and mothers with about 100 people present.

There was nothing unusual about the banquet, the speeches or the program that followed. It was what one might call "routine" as such affairs go but the enthusiasm, interest of parents and teachers and fellowship marked it as a highlight of the "knife and fork" circuit.

Incidentally, one of the most pleased persons we have seen in a long time was Mrs. Maude Robinson, scorekeeper for junior high eighth and ninth grade teams for four years.

When Bon Cordier of the ninth grade squad presented her with an "M" in appreciation of her work, Mrs. Robinson was so surprised and pleased she needed a few moments to think of something to say. Then she made about the best talk of the evening.

We'll wager that the "M" and the significance of its being presented to her a non-player and a non-student, pleased her more than did the brooch presented at the same time.

Before the dinner several of the basketball players asked Principal Glen Linn if it would be all right to give Mrs. Robinson the letter and when he gave his approval, the presentation was the next step.

There is a good possibility that softball will join semi-pro baseball on the discharge heap as far as local players and fans are concerned.

While it is not official, it seems probable that the local softball league will not have as many teams in it as last year and unless more interest is shown among sponsors as well as players there may not be any such league at all.

Semi-pro baseball was abandoned for Medford when money could not be raised to support the sport. Result is that youths

wanting to play this summer will have to go to Central Point, Ashland or perhaps to northern California.

Softball team sponsors are scheduled to meet Monday evening, March 13, to discuss the coming season, elect officers and plan a schedule.

Both semi-pro baseball and softball have declined in popularity as far as fans and players are concerned in recent years but for those who love both games and want to play it is rough to think either or both may be abandoned this year.

Track and baseball prospects at the local high school are about the best the Tornado has seen in recent seasons. Medford lost but three top trackmen from graduation last June and a well-balanced squad is working out each afternoon this year.

Experienced high school baseball players are so numerous that there is little chance for anyone else to play in 1950.

HOCKEY LOOP ROOKIES
Seattle, Mar. 9.—(U.P.)—Pete Tkachuk of San Diego and Larry Reardon of Vancouver, B. C., have been named "outstanding rookies" of the Pacific Coast Hockey league season, League President Al Leader announced today.

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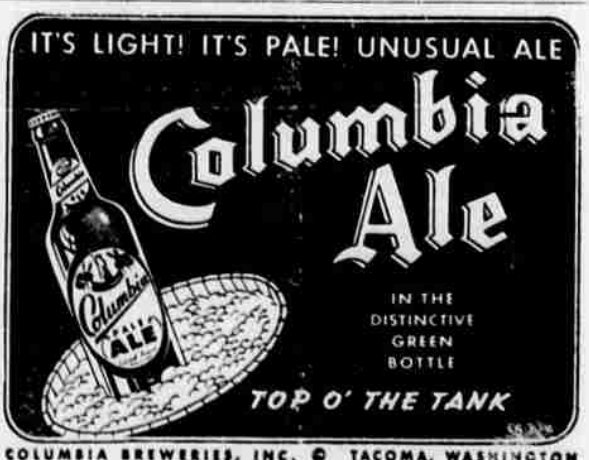


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