

Star Studded Boxing Show Pleases Jam-Packed Crowd at Armory Here

By Harry Chipman

The Medford fight camp is just about stripped of champions following last night's star-studded amateur boxing show at the armory. A jam-packed house saw one of the best fight programs ever presented here and there couldn't have been a disgruntled fan among the lot.

With the exception of Freddie Johnson of Medford making his 12th successful defense of his flyweight championship against Coe Brown, also of Medford, there isn't a local champion in the southern Oregon-northern California region calling Medford his home.

Bull Halsey, squat Portland Negro, won his second start here and with it the Oregon-northern California middleweight championship trophy by outpointing Clint Waters, San Francisco, in a fight which was as close as a couple of Siamese twins.

Both Boxers Fast

The boys were as fast as a pair of greased pigs at an old-fashioned country picnic and they could punch with no little authority. Waters, a cutie boxer with a mustache and long sideburns, delighted in dropping his hands and protruding his chin but he was so fast at retracting it that Halsey, more frequently than not, couldn't smack it.

A stream of stinging leather drew blood from Waters' nose in the second round and in the third Halsey was wrestled through the ropes onto the ring apron but no damage resulted.

Donovan Wolfe, Phoenix, won the southern Oregon light-heavyweight championship by outpointing Don Harper, Gold Hill. It was Wolfe's second win over Harper in two tries and he didn't seem to have too much trouble in scoring it.

Readied for 'Kill'

He kept Harper's knockout punch in check all the time and in the fourth round he had the Gold Hill schoolboy ready for the kill but the bell beat him to it.

Bob Stumbo, Wolfe Creek, successfully defended his southern Oregon heavyweight title by knocking out Gene Sheppard, Medford, in a minute and a half of the first round. Sheppard was dropped like a poled ox and took a nine count, most of it flat on his back, but got up and gave Stumbo a lot of leather before running into a straight left and a right hook which did the business.

O. Westcott, Roseburg welterweight champion, went in for Darrell Johnson, Medford, who was injured in a bout at Roseburg last week, and was cooled by Sylvester Jones, San Francisco, in a minute and 10 seconds of the third round.

Crown to Jones

A flurry of body punches and a short right to the chin in a brisk exchange produced the cooler. With it went the southern Oregon-northern California welterweight crown.

Dick Adkins, Griffin Creek, had his win streak stopped at 14 straight by John Law, a fast but little Negro from Oakland. Most of the scrap was fought in close with a lot of clinches. Law kept Adkins from landing a close with his better weapons, meanwhile getting in just enough of his own artillery to come away with a hairline verdict. It was a lightweight title affair.

Johnson's nod over Brown was an unpopular one with two judges voting for Johnson and Referee Ken Lindley casting his ballot for Brown. The champ decked his adversary for a no-count in the first round with a right to the chin which buckled Brown's knees. It was a good fight all the way with Johnson earning what he got.

Carter Tries Hard

Byron Carter made a game try but ran out of steam in the third round of his tangle with Hilton Garner of San Francisco. Carter won the first round but in the second Garner turned the tide of battle and there wasn't any question of the outcome. Carter had a cut under his left eye in the second round and in the third

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

Louis-Dempsey Fight May Become Reality But Only in Movies

New York, Apr. 20—(U.P.)—That old tavern argument about who would win a Jack Dempsey-Joe Louis fight flared anew today—and perhaps there will be a partial answer for the first time.

Dempsey suggested that he might meet Louis in the movies. It would not be an actual fight or even a simulated fight. Instead, pictures of great Dempsey fights would be superimposed upon pictures of great Louis

fighters—and may the best man win.

Possibilities Considered

Abe J. Greene, veteran commissioner of the National Boxing Association, considered the possibilities this way:

"It would be a murderous punching battle.

"Let's say they take Dempsey's fights with Jess Willard, Luis Firpo and Georges Carpentier and put them with Louis' fights against Max Schmeling, Paulino Uzcudín and one of the Baer boys, Max or Buddy.

"Dempsey and Louis both would stalk Dempsey's punching would be steady and fast—ferocious attacks. He would have to coach Louis, of course. For in the Willard duck, Dempsey had a sitting duck for a target."

Connie Mack Dinner Honor

Philadelphia, Apr. 20—(U.P.)—Connie Mack returns home today for a two-day celebration of his 50th anniversary with the Philadelphia Athletics.

"Mr. Baseball" will be honored at a \$50-a-plate dinner tonight, attended by more than 600 sports, business and civic leaders. A congratulatory message from President Truman will be read.

Baseball will be represented at the dinner by Commissioner A. B. (Happy) Chandler; Ford Frick, president of the National League; Will Harridge, American league president; Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers; Phillips Owner Bob Carpenter, and Tom Yawkey of the Boston Red Sox.

Proceeds of the dinner will be used to establish a scholarship at the University of Pennsylvania.

Portland U. Ends Fund Raising Try

Portland, Ore., Apr. 20—(U.P.)—University of Portland Boosters club members today said they had called off their attempt to raise \$25,000 to nullify university suspension of intercollegiate football made earlier this year because of financial strain.

Boosters Chairman Emmett Barrett said the campaign fell \$10,000 short of the goal set for April 15 by university officials.

The Boosters club organized here to return football to the campus. The Rev. Theodore J. Melchiorre thanked the group for its enthusiasm and added that their work was not lost because it had created new interest in the alumni towards the university.

In dropping intercollegiate football, the university said emphasis would be placed on other sports, particularly basketball.

Among new words which the atomic age has given the dictionary is "weaponeer." It means one who activates an atomic bomb into readiness for release upon a target.

blood spewed from his nostrils. Boney Bogart, who doesn't like the nickname of "Circus" but who is more entitled to it than is the famed John Ringling, decided Gene Bounce in the hem and while Bogart couldn't blaze a trail in there himself, he stumbled around enough to convince the judges that he was the better man, last night, at least.

Softballers Meet Friday C-C Office

Sponsors and captains of teams interested in entering the local softball league this summer were reminded today that there will be an important meeting of the softball association at 8 p. m. Friday in the new Chamber of Commerce office at 5 South Riverside avenue.

League Secretary Herb Vessey stressed that tomorrow evening probably will be the final time a team can enter as a schedule must be made up soon if the league is to start in June. He urged every team to have someone attend.

Last reports indicated at least seven teams would play and the other day a phone call to The Mail Tribune sports department indicated another might be interested. As many as three or four others have indicated they might play if a league was organized.

Teams who might the last minute decide they wish to enter may send representatives tomorrow night also, Vessey said. The league season probably will not start until June although practice for teams can start any time.

Women Golf Qualifiers

Thirteen more women have joined the list of those who have qualified for the spring golf handicap at Rogue Valley Country club.

The qualifying round will conclude this evening. Additional qualifiers listed yesterday were Mrs. L. G. McLaren 109, Mrs. Victor Sether 96, Mrs. Diamond Flynn 92, Mrs. Ben Stafford 110, Mrs. C. B. Collins 88, Mrs. Allyn Monroe 83, Mrs. Tom Emmens 87, Mrs. James Wyatt 83, Mrs. Ralph Odell 94, Mrs. George Rasmusen 85, Mrs. George Harrington 81, Mrs. Ray Larson 88 and Mrs. John Day 84.

Player Says Bribe Offer

Fairview, Ill., Apr. 20—(U.P.)—A midwestern All-American basketball player said today he wasn't surprised when a man offered him a \$100 bribe to throw a game in New York City because "everybody knows this stuff goes on there."

Paul Unruh, the crew-cut ace of Bradley university, said of course he didn't take the bribe and ordered the "short, dark man" who offered it to him to "shove off."

He said the bribe was made when he was in New York for the recent National Invitational tournament.

Unruh said the man offered him \$100 if Bradley would win by six points and \$500 if they would win by two points.

Rogue River Steelhead Spawning, Agent Says

Though about two weeks behind schedule, Rogue river steelhead are now spawning in most of the tributaries, Cole Rivers, game commission fishery agent, said today.

The long, cold stretches of winter weather are believed to have retarded the sexual development of the steelhead, causing them to spawn later than usual.

Rivers pointed out that the May 1 opening for the Rogue and its tributaries was set so that the bulk of the steelhead could spawn before the streams opened to fishing.

The average person walks the equivalent of twice around the globe in the course of a lifetime.

Rogues' First Game Parade Floats Asked

Businessmen, service clubs, lodges, Boy and Girl scouts, 4-H clubs and other organizations interested in entering floats or other items in the Medford Rogues opening day parade Tuesday, May 2, may do so by contacting Ken Hamner at the Holland hotel or Hank Green.

An invitation will be extended to the junior high band to lead the march, a marine corps group will provide the color guard, the high school baseball squad will be invited and all other organizations or groups interested will be welcome, Hamner said.

Tornado Nine Plays Friday Local Field

Medford high has two baseball games scheduled this coming week-end with Yreka, Cal., here for a non-conference get-together Friday and the Tornado squad traveling to Klamath Falls for a Southern Oregon conference encounter Saturday.

A game between Ashland and the Tornado this past Tuesday was postponed at the request of Ashland.

Last week-end the boys coached by Alex McDonald divided a series with the Oregon State college Rooks and Corvallis high by losing to the college frosh and then defeating the Spartans, all games being played in the Willamette valley city.

Coach McDonald nominated Jack Turk for mound chores in Friday's game while Derald Wooten probably will hurl for the Tornado against Klamath on Saturday. Gary Boshears is likely to catch in both of the games.

Not too much is known here about either Yreka or Klamath but the Pelicans are rated as one of the teams to beat if another high school wants to take district honors.

"Play ball" will be at 3 p. m. Friday against Yreka and about 2 p. m. Saturday over at Klamath Falls.

GIANTS BUY PLAYER

Oakland, Cal., Apr. 20—(U.P.)—Outfielder Roy "Stormy" Weatherly has been sold by the Oakland Oaks of the Pacific Coast league to the New York Giants, Oakland President Brick Laws announced today.

Orbra L. Abbott Gets Sportsmanship Trophy



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Orbra L. Abbott, Medford, former Naval base basketball star during the 14th Naval district season and a member of the augmented SubPac squad in the All-Navy play-offs, climaxed his third straight year in All-Navy competition by being awarded a trophy for outstanding sportsmanship during the two game series in Norfolk, Va.

The 6 foot 4 inch center was voted the trophy by the Norfolk fliers who were outspoken in their admiration for his sportsmanship and clean play.

Abbott played in the All-Navy finals in 1948 with the Naval Base squad, and in 1949 and 1950 with the Submarine force team.

OSC Nine and Fawcett Play Friday, Saturday

Corvallis, Apr. 20—Oregon State's rain-hounded baseball club will attempt to get in a two-game series against the Washington Huskies here Friday and Saturday afternoons.

Remainder of the OSC lineup probably will include Don Fawcett, Medford, second base.

Rogue Mining Discharges Curtailment

The Rogue river coordination board has notified the state game commission that discharge of mine tailings and mud into the river is being curtailed between April 15 and November 1.

Under the board's order it shall be unlawful to allow the discharge of mud or tailings into the Rogue river or any river, creek or stream emptying into the Rogue when the turbidity of the tributary at its point of confluence with the Rogue river is in excess of 1,000 ppm. by weight of suspended matter.

For both the Applegate and Illinois rivers this same rate of turbidity shall not be exceeded at a point where the bridges on the Redwood highway cross these two streams.

Inquiries with regard to any specific mining operation may be addressed to the Rogue River Coordination Board, 266 Pacific highway south, Grants Pass.

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