

# Kid Gavilan Loser, Says Fight Fixed

By CHARLES TAYLOR  
Miami Beach, Fla. — (U.P.) — Former welterweight champion Kid Gavilan, again yelling "fixed fight," was scheduled to file an official protest today against Wednesday night's decision-defeat by West Indian Hector Constance.

Young Constance, a professional chemist of Trinidad, B.W.I., threw acid on Gavilan's comeback campaign by winning a unanimous, upset, 10-round decision over the Cuban "Keed" before a sellout crowd of 3,905 in the Miami Beach auditorium. Constance was a 4-1 underdog.

The tree ring officials agreed that 24-year-old Hector's fast footwork and speedy counter-punching had beaten 29-year-old Gavilan in his second comeback fight. But there was no agreement among 13 sports writers at the ringside. Six favored Constance; six had Gavilan ahead, and one scored a draw.

**Worse Decision**  
Gavilan declared, "This decision was worse than the one in the Johnny Saxton fight at Philadelphia." Saxton won the title in that one.

Manager Yamil Chade said today, "We don't like to make trouble, but this decision was very dishonest. Gavilan definitely won. And I know all the television fans in the United States will agree. We will file protests immediately with the National Boxing association and the Miami Beach Boxing commission."

Constance said his victory inspired him to seek a fight with top contender Carmen Basilio or champion Saxton. "I thought I won last night by a good margin," he said. "Gavilan never hurt me once, and I knocked him back on his heels several times."

The three officials favored Constance on the "10-point must" system as follows: Referee Cy Gottfried, 96-95; Judge Morris Feingold, 99-97; Judge Gus Jacobson, 97-95. The United Press favored Gavilan 97-95.

# Preacher Roe Ends Career

By UNITED PRESS  
O! Preacher Roe called it a career today because, at 39, it's "too darn rough to pitch even once a week."

The skinny southpaw from West Plains, Mo., who helped pitch the Brooklyn Dodgers to three pennants and was sold last fall to the Baltimore Orioles, telephoned the Orioles Wednesday night that he has decided to retire and added there was "no chance" he'd change his mind.

An Orioles official said that, since Roe never even reported to the team, the Dodgers will have to refund a "proportionate amount" of the \$75,000 the Orioles paid for Roe and infielder Billy Cox in the fall sale. Orioles "Shocked"

Although the Orioles indicated Roe's announcement caught them by surprise, Roe insisted it shouldn't have been a shock because "I kept telling them all last summer at Brooklyn that it was my last year. And then, after the season, I told them I wasn't going to play any more."

Roe, officially listed as 36 years old, admitted late last season he was then 38 and thus his birthday this Saturday will make him 39. He had a 17-year playing career, 11 in the National League, with a lifetime major-league record of 127 victories and 84 defeats.

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# MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

## Swede Halbrook Holds Key To Oregon Staters' Hopes For Pacific Coast Honors

By HOWARD APPLGATE  
Corvallis, Ore. — (U.P.) — Oregon State has the best "bench" on the Pacific as far as college basketball teams are concerned and observers believe they would have won the Northern division title without seven-foot, three-inch Wad (Swede) Halbrook.

But it's doubtful if Coach Stas Gill's Beavers would be a top contender for regional or even Pacific Coast honors without the big junior center.

In pre-season competition, without Halbrook, Oregon State won only four while losing six. After he regained his eligibility, Oregon State copped 13 in a row in the rugged Northern division. True, in two of those games Halbrook was suspended for not attending classes and Oregon State won anyway, but only by the slimmest of margins over Oregon.

**Improving Steadily**  
Halbrook has been looking better all the time. In one recent game he bagged 32 rebounds for a new conference record. The next night he plucked 35 off the backboards. He's been scoring between 20 and 30 points a game. Gill naturally has his offense built around him.

Gill has been sticking pretty much to a regular starting lineup, but it's open to change at any time. For instance, Bill Toole, the senior guard who was drafted by the New York Giants' pro football team, got hot against Washington after this was announced and has been a fixture since. Incidentally, Toole, a speedboy, never played college football.

Outside of Halbrook, Gill probably could close his eyes, point his finger four times, and come up with a winner.

The regular lineup has been Tony Vlastelica and Jay Dean at forwards; Halbrook at center, and Toole and Ron Robins at guard. Vlastelica, when hot, is one of the deadliest hook shot artists in the country. He got 33 points in one game this winter. Dean is the team captain and a great rebounder and feeder. Robins is a deadly two-handed shot who pulls the defense out when it crowds around Halbrook.

**Strong Reserves**  
The man Toole replaced is Larry Paulus, a 6 foot 3 inch sophomore who played guard but can play forward. He's a good rebounder and feeder and has great potential. When Slats wants more speed he injects Reggie Halligan, a good shot, who plays forward or guard. Halligan came off the bench to pace a victory over Washington.

Tex Whiteman, at 6 foot, six inches, is another reserve who

## BASKETBALL

**WEDNESDAY COLLEGE SCORES**  
East  
Penn. St., Syracuse 86 (overtime)  
Villanova 84, Muhlenberg 51  
Cornell 60, Brown 59 (overtime)  
Pittsburgh 81, Bucknell 74  
Buffalo 85, Rochester 62  
Boston U. 84, MIT 50  
Carnegie Tech 79, W&J 67  
LeSalle 64, Fordham 49  
Holy Cross 84, Springfield 71  
LaFayette 49, Lehigh 43  
Penn State 83, Rutgers 64  
South  
Louisville 92, Xavier (Ohio) 52  
VMI 88, Citadel 62  
Midwest  
Dayton 98, Toledo 63  
St. Louis 82, Bradley 74  
Southwest  
Texas Western 70, Arizona 45  
West  
San Francisco 64, San Jose 40  
An anti-rabies vaccine for cattle was developed in 1954.

# Presnell To Be Referee Of Mat Card

Larry Presnell, Portland policeman, has been named by the Medford State Athletic commission as referee for Saturday night's wrestling card at Merrick's arena, it was announced today.

Presnell's selection met with approval of both Gerry Hunter and Ella Kowalski, feminine grapplers who clash in a finish match on the three-ply card. Miss Kowalski, who held the blonde bombshell to a draw last week, complained that the referee favored her opponent, thus hampering her in the match. She expressed confidence that she can defeat Miss Hunter with a "non-partisan" referee.

Promoter Mack Lillard pointed out that Presnell is a traffic expert with the Portland Police department and "should be able to direct traffic in the ring."

A match which is rivaling the girls' fracas for the fans' interest sends Yoggi Hussane against Harold (Buck) Davidson in a grudge affair. Hussane was "man-handled" by Davidson, acting as referee, last week and

# Shooting To Be Chief Forte in B Play-Off

Rogue River high will have to depend on its shooting and will have to be "hot" to win. That was the comment of Chief-tain Coach Ray McClain today as his club awaited its Jackson County B League play-off skirmish with Talent high.

The game will be on the St. Mary's high floor in Medford at 8 p.m. Friday. There will be a 6:30 p.m. prelim. Talent and Rogue River tied in the regular season standings.

Winner of the Friday game will play Malin for the District 5B toga. That series will be two-out-of-three with tussles Thursday and Friday, March 3 and 4 at Klamath Union high. Third game, if needed, will be on a Jackson county court yet to be named, the following Saturday.

McClain indicated that the Chiefs were working out strategy to get a chance to square accounts.

Joe Hahn and Johnny Dobbs square off in the opener, set for 8:30 p.m. Arena doors open an hour earlier.

# BOWLING

**LADIES CLASSIC LEAGUE**  
Eloda Ludwig of Craterian Beauty shoppe rolled a 235 high game this week in the Ladies Classic Bowling League. The Beauty shoppe, itself, had high team game, 835. Irene Schoeder of McDuffie's Coffee Pot had individual series with 538. Thelma King of Jorgensen's dairy picked a 6-7-10 split.

**LADIES CLASSIC LEAGUE**  
Results:  
McDuffie's (2) Kachina Room (2)  
I. Schroeder 538 L. Ericson 444  
V. Corby 360 E. Shama 334  
A. Wilson 338 A. Monroe 403  
M. Dyer 355 Pennington 451  
N. Burroughs 423 V. Coates 362  
Handicap 27  
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Medford Feed 1 Craterian Beauty  
M. Little 390 V. Cummings 500  
M. Tennant 450 R. Eberius 410  
D. Hawley 387 E. Straus 412  
L. Sarchi 428 E. Ludwig 487  
R. Barr 530 M. Clark 453  
Handicap 27  
2212 2272

Morning Fresh 9 Elk Lumber 4  
J. Long 428 H. Norwood 406  
S. Beck 405 D. Royce 425  
L. Ambuehl 384 V. Florey 390  
V. Bateman 390 A. Tammev 503  
K. Jennings 452 D. Christensen 523  
Handicap 6  
2059 2253

Fashionette 1 Trail Creek 3  
P. Mathes 472 L. Bevens 490  
D. Klein 410 G. McKillop 306  
F. Doty 453 D. Jantzer 441  
417 L. Jantzer 355

E. Baker 417 E. Goode 465  
Handicap 196  
2169 2253

Mary's Casa 1 Crater Inn 3  
F. Platt 389 A. Gebhardt 510  
T. Tolles 449 J. Hamson 427  
H. Wright 416 T. Farrar 408  
M. Wright 365 G. Rizer 509  
Handicap 362 C. Litter 445  
240  
2241 2299

Jorgensen's 4 Anderson Thrift  
C. Lowd 523 N. Hollenbeck 475  
T. King 438 N. Littrell 396  
I. Forga 412 B. Hamm 375  
J. Wilson 471 A. Carbiener 396  
F. Willett 468 A. Swaine 441  
Handicap 99  
2332 2172

**25 Portland Players Sign Baseball Pacts**  
Portland—(U.P.)—General Manager Joe Ziegler said today 21 out of 34 players on the roster of the Portland Beavers had signed 1955 contracts.

Among the latest to ink contracts were pitchers Royce Lint and Dick Waibel, outfielder Granny Gladstone, and second baseman Ron Jackson.

New York—(U.P.)—Wes Santee, Kansas mile king, withdrew from the U. S. team for the Pan-American games in Mexico next month because he cannot spare the time away from his studies.

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