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SPORTS

Washington Stands Behind Cherberg In Player Beef; Assistant Coach Ousted

By ELDON BARRETT

Seattle, Wash. — (U.P.) — The University of Washington today appeared to be standing behind Coach Johnny Cherberg despite a revolt by 33 players who protested his "tyrannical methods."

Sugar Ray To Rely On Punch Alone

By JACK CUDDY

Greenwood Lake, N.Y. — (U.P.) Sugar Ray Robinson, ambitious to become "a crusader for my people," will gamble on punch alone to recapture the middleweight championship from Carl (Bobo) Olson at Chicago Stadium, Dec. 9, he said today.

"My best chance is to win on a knockout, and I'll take that chance because I'm determined to win," declared the former middleweight and welterweight ruler, here at his training camp.

Matured in body and mind at 35, slender Ray explained he had lost his younger yen to be a song-and-dance man. Instead, "I'll devote the rest of my life to crusading for my people."

Stages Successful Comeback

His desire to be an entertainer caused him to hang up his gloves and vacate the middleweight crown on December, 1952. He returned to the ring this year and had six comeback fights. He won five.

"I want to cooperate with the National association, for the Advancement of Colored People," he explained. "And I want to help with charities—such as raising funds for the mother of Emmett Till, who was killed in Mississippi. As champion I could do much for the various causes."

What did he mean by gambling "on punch alone" to beat Olson?

"I mean I won't try to out-box him; I'll go in to knock him out as soon as possible," he said. "I have the punch to do it. And I know the combination of blows that will take him out."

Sugar Ray fought Olson twice before Hawaiian-born Bobo of San Francisco won the vacant crown in October, 1953. He knocked out Bobo in the 12th round in 1950 and outpointed him 1952.

Depended On Speed, Too

"In both those bouts I depended as much upon speed and skill as upon my punch," the ex-champ said.

Poor Waterfowl Hunting Noted For Rogue Valley

Portland — (U.P.) — The weekly report on hunting conditions prepared by the State Game Commission.

Southwest: Coos county waterfowl hunting fair to good; Rogue valley waterfowl hunting poor.

Northwest: South Willamette valley waterfowl hunting fair to good; Jackson county starts Sunday; deer hunting should be good on weekend if weather cooperates; hunters are reminded that only agricultural lands and adjacent areas within one mile are open to deer hunting.

Central: Duck hunting in north Sherman and Wasco counties will be poor unless weather is stormy; most ducks moved out; goose hunting should be good; decoys in wheat fields will provide best results since birds have been feeding during day; waterfowl hunting in Bend area only fair.

Northeast: Prospects good for geese in Arlington area; both geese and duck hunting should be good in Umatilla county area; most waterfowl have left Baker and Union areas; good duck hunting expected in Walla Walla county.

Southeast: Warner valley reports no ducks and about 4800 geese; hunting pressure light; Summer lake reports about 5700 ducks and 350 geese; most ice gone from area; Malheur county prospects for ducks poor; some geese are on the river.

The federal district of Rio de Janeiro city contains 270 square miles of forests and 45 devoted to farm land.

Independent Cage Loop To Open Next Monday

Medford Independent Basketball League action for the 1955-1956 season will start on Monday, November 28, President Dick Phillips has announced.

Monday games at McLoughlin junior high will be between Company A of the National Guard and Moose lodge at 7 p.m. and Prospect and YMCA at 8:30 p.m. Phoenix will play at Butte Falls at 8 p.m. Other clubs in the loop are Hawkinson Tire Tread and Headquarters company of the National Guard.

Each team will play a 14-game loop schedule this season, meeting each other team twice. Prospect and Butte Falls will play half their games at home. All other tussles are slated for the

whom Sutherland also coached at Santa Monica, Calif., high school.

Announcement of the dismissal was made by Harvey Cassill, athletic director, who issued a statement which said Sutherland was not included in Cherberg's plans for next year.

Sutherland's only comment was "Assistant coach, without effigy. Willing to travel."

Cherberg has been hanged in effigy and Tuesday was the focus point of a protest by 33 junior and senior members of the Husky squad who went to Cassill and asked that Cherberg be fired.

They accused the head coach of using "tyrannical methods" and said "squad action to get rid of him has been a long time brewing."

Squad Rule

However, Cassill said he never had been in favor of "squad rule in any branch of athletics" and said Cherberg still was head man.

"As Washington's coach he will handle the situation," said Cassill. "The decision he makes will be binding with the athletic department."

Sutherland's one-year contract expires March 1, 1956. He came to Washington from University of California where he was an assistant to Lynn (Pappy) Waldorf for two years, including the year that Ronnie Knox was with the Bears. Sutherland was Knox's high school coach at Santa Monica and the highly publicized player left California last year to sit out a season of ineligibility before playing for UCLA this year.

Lederman and fullback Mike Monroe, who still has one year of eligibility left, were unofficial spokesmen for the discontented players. Many of the team's top players were not involved, at least openly, in the rebellion.

One player, who asked not to be identified, said:

"We went to Cassill to urge him to encourage Cherberg to resign quietly because he cannot command team respect as head coach. We have the highest regard for him as a gentleman off the field."

Vince Martinez Awarded Verdict Over Christensen

St. Louis, Mo. — (U.P.) — A new ring canvas took the blame from both managers today for Wednesday night's listless welterweight match in which Vince Martinez coasted to a easy decision over Chris Christensen.

"My boy was slipping. He just couldn't set himself for a good right hand punch," complained Jimmy White, manager of Christensen.

"The ring was like a skating rink," said Bill Daly, Martinez's pilot. "Vince couldn't punch in combinations because he was sliding too often."

Whatever the cause, the crowd booed lustily during the last two rounds of the nationally televised 10-rounder. Martinez's own behavior seemed to start it up. He wore a bored expression as he waited for Referee Jimmy Parker to pry Christensen off the ropes at the start of the ninth, 18th Straight.

The Paterson, N. J. battler, who copped his 18th straight victory, seemed almost ready to yawn.

At that time, only a miracle in the form of one of Christensen's wild righthand swings could have reversed the outcome. And the Copenhagen fighter, champion of Denmark, just couldn't get close enough to the elusive Vince to do any real damage.

Martinez used a swift and stiff left jab to pile up the points "hat gave him the unanimous decision. Parker had it 57-43 in his favor. Judge Howard Hess saw it 56-55 and Fred Connell, 58-42.

McLoughlin court. Games will be on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

There will be halt in league play from December 19 and January 2 because of pre-Christmas activities at McLoughlin and the school vacation period. Regular play in the eight-team circuit will end on February 1.

The MIBL has been authorized to charge a nominal admission fee this season.

President Dick Phillips has issued a call for all men interested in refereeing MIBL games. They may telephone him at 3-4233.

A complete schedule of league games will be published within a few days.



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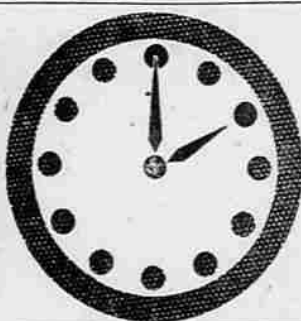
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