

OGA Preparations Nearing Completion; Former AAU Boxing Champion Turns Pro

Jack Puskas Makes Debut In Portland

Jackie Puskas, 24, the 1955 national AAU lightweight boxing champion, will make his professional debut in Portland next month. That was the report Saturday from his manager and trainer, Hugh Jennings.

Puskas, who has lived here and fought under the Medford Police Athletic league banner since last January, will have his first pro battle on Oct. 4 on the card featuring ex-world champ Bobo Olson and Sam Walker in a light-heavy-weight encounter. Matchmaker Tommy Moyer is looking for "a suitable opponent."

Portland appearance of the lightweight battler, known throughout the northwest for his hard, lethal wallop, will write finish to a colorful amateur ring career of more than six years duration. Major achievements for the ex-Eugene lumber mill worker during the 1956 boxing season were the Oregon and Seattle golden gloves championships. He did not seek to defend his national honors this year because of financial and family considerations.

Puskas has appeared in the ring 128 times. He has 107 victories, 87 of them by knockouts. For three consecutive years, 1952, 1953 and 1954, he was named the outstanding boxer of the Oregon AAU. Those same years he won the Canadian national Diamond Belt championship in his division. In 1954 Puskas was runner up for the national AAU featherweight title. He has won other Seattle and Tacoma, Wash., tournaments.

Favored In Europe
Last fall Puskas's ability gained further recognition. He was named to a team of United States' amateur boxers which made a European tour.

When he came to Medford last winter, Puskas stated that he had no interest in professional boxing. Since then he has had numerous offers to fight for pay. The latest was in connection with the Carmen Basilio-Johnny Saxton fight at Syracuse, N.Y. Sept. 13. Since making the decision to turn pro, Puskas is a deadly serious boxer and has become changed and much improved. That is the report from Jennings.

In spurning previous offers, Puskas has felt he owes his climb in boxing to the Oregon AAU and should make his debut for money in Oregon where he got his start.

In Medford Puskas is working as an apprentice painter for J. Fred Paint and Wallpaper store. He displayed ability in a sport other than boxing this summer by pitching for Courtesy Chevrolet in the Jackson County Softball association.

Puskas and his wife, Chloe, have an 8½-months old son, Jimmy.

UCLA Nicks Utah 13-7

Los Angeles —(U.P.)— UCLA, nearly crippled by Pacific Coast conference penalties, opened the West Coast football season Friday night with a close 13-7 victory over Utah before 37,083 fans in Memorial Coliseum.

The team that beat the Utes was a shadow of the once-mighty Bruin eleven that dominated PCC football during the last half dozen years under the tutelage of Coach Henry Sanders.

The Bruins clearly showed the effects of a PCC crackdown on pay to athletes which restricted senior members of the football team to only five games for the season.

Utah's inability to put on a sustained drive may have been the only thing that saved UCLA from defeat in the non-conference season opener.

UCLA's two touchdowns came in the first quarter on a Utah fumble and in the second quarter on a 77-yard drive, sparked by senior tailback Doug Bradley who used up one of his five allotted games.

Fumble Recovered
Bruin Center Jim Matheny recovered halfback Karl Jensen's fumble on the four-yard line after Utah had been pushed back to the six on a Bradley quick kick and penalized to the one for clipping. Bradley ran the ball over from the two.

UCLA's only successful scoring drive was featured by runs of 12 and 19 yards by Tailback Don Duncan. Tailback Ed Griffin plunged over from the one-yard line.

Utah's touchdown came in the fourth quarter when the Utes took over the ball on the Bruins' 28-yard line after a three-yard UCLA punt.

A Bruin holding penalty moved the ball to the two where Stuart Vaughan circled left on the fourth down to score.

New York —(U.P.)— Halfback Gene Filipinski, a former star at Army and Villanova, was acquired by the New York Giants Saturday from the Cleveland Browns in exchange for a draft choice next year.



JACKIE PUSKAS
To Become Pro

SPORTS

Fast Slope Waits Cycle Competitors

A fast, dust free hill awaits the motorcycle slant hill artists, who appear today to try and take home one of the trophies being put up by the Rogue River Ramblers club.

Sponsors of this event on the hill west of Phoenix hope for a large number of riders from the visiting towns as they claim the hill to be in perfect condition. It will be the last major event of the club this year where outside competition has an equal chance with local members. Other events will cater to organized members who have worked throughout the year.

First rider of the days event will try to negotiate the hill at exactly 2 p.m. Only one ride is necessary unless that qualifiers time is beaten or tied. There will be three rides allowed for each contestant, however. John Wenker of Ashland was the previous winner.

The hill may be reached by turning west at the Texaco Station in Phoenix and following the markers on out past the Coleman creek and Pioneer road intersection.

Eagle Point Raps Talent Crew 50-0

Talent — Eagle Point high's strong A-2 football eleven overpowered Talent of the Class B ranks 50 to 0 here Friday night.

The big Eagle club, with Errol Tresham and Jack Greb, as usual assigned to the ball toting roles, held intermission advantages of 13 to 0, 26 to 0 and 38 to 0.

Tresham ran 37 yards for the first Eagle Point touchdown. Greb went 25 yards for the next and Norm Hooper passed to Greb for the extra. Greb went across from the 18 in the second quarter and Tresham scored from 13 yards out with Hooper hurling to Greb for a bonus.

In the third quarter, Eagle TDs were on 14 and 28 yard runs by Tresham. Greb ran 25 yards to tally in the fourth quarter and Ralph McClure got the last goal on pass interception and eight yard dash.

Eagle Point had 11 first downs to two for Talent for the game.

Colleg Park, Md. — (U.P.) — Maryland halfback Howie Dare was stricken with yellow jaundice Friday and is lost to the Terrapins indefinitely. University officials said Dare would be sidelined at least two weeks and might be out the entire season.

Golf Event Begins At RVCC Oct. 5

Preparations are nearing completion for the annual Oregon Golf association men's medal play championships. The tournament is slated for Oct. 5, 6 and 7 at Rogue Valley Country club, giving Medford its second major links event of the late summer and fall.

The tournament will be open to all men belonging to OGA member clubs and to invited guests. There will be a senior division for entrants 50 years of age and over. Seniors entries will not be required to belong to the Oregon Senior Golfers association.

Gross and net prizes in both divisions will be offered.

No Handicap Limitation
There will be no limitation on handicap for entrance in the tournament.

Entries are to be in by Oct. 3. Competition will be over 54 holes, 18 holes per day. Golfers will play in threesomes. Because the senior division play, there will be no effort to toughen the course by letting the rough grow. The course will measure about 6,450 yards the first day, 6,650 the second and 6,900 the third.

Greens have been fertilized and top-dressed. They will be verticut on Oct. 1.

Prall To Defend

Bob Prall, Salem, has said he will be on hand to defend his 1955 title. Another entry will be George Harrington, Medford, 1953 champ, and 1955 runner-up, Dick Bailey and Wayne Sabine will come from Redding, Calif. Bailey, former northern California amateur and open champ, was runner-up in the 1955 Southern Oregon tourney.

Ron Krieger, Portland, the OGA match play titlist, has said he will be here and Harold Weston, Portland Golf club, Oregon Coast tourney champ, has made a commitment. Marvin Clark, Grants Pass, Southwestern Oregon tournament victor and RVCC senior champ, is an entrant.

The OGA medal event will get a boost when an RVCC team plays at Eugene next Thursday and on Portland links on Friday, and Saturday and Sunday.

STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Brooklyn	88	59	.599	
Milwaukee	89	60	.597	
Cincinnati	87	62	.584	2
St. Louis	73	76	.487	14½
Philadelphia	68	80	.459	20½
Pittsburgh	65	83	.439	23½
New York	64	85	.430	25
Chicago	58	90	.392	30½

Saturday's Results
New York 2 Philadelphia 1
Pittsburgh 5 Brooklyn 1
Cincinnati 6 St. Louis 4
Chicago 5 Milwaukee 4 (10 innings)

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	94	53	.639	
Cleveland	85	63	.574	9½
Chicago	82	64	.562	11½
Boston	80	68	.541	14½
Detroit	77	70	.521	17
Baltimore	64	83	.435	30
Washington	58	90	.392	36½
Kansas City	48	98	.327	45

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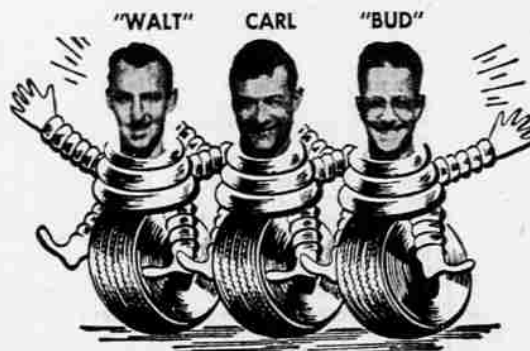
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