

Sport Parade



By OSCAR FRELEY Sports Writer United Press

New York — (U.P.) — Heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson today issued a challenge to retired Rocky Marciano to "come back and fight."

With the quiet but intense Patterson it is a matter of both pride and pocketbook. He knows that a bout with Marciano might produce the greatest gate of all time, yet his hope that the Brockton Blockbuster might return to the ring is based on a desire to prove his own greatness.

"Before I fought Archie Moore he was picked by many to defeat me," Patterson explained. "After I defeated him to win the championship, almost everybody concurred that I had beaten an 'old man.'"

Beating Marciano, he knows, would clinch his spot in the hall of heavy-weight champions. Floyd Feels Cheated

"There is nothing we would like better than to fight Marciano," agreed white-haired Gus D'Amato, Patterson's manager. "I know how deeply Floyd feels that this is the only thing which stands between him and the recognition which he deserves. Right now he feels cheated and I can't say that I blame him."

D'Amato has no qualms about risking the title against the heavy-handed retired champion.

"I told Floyd two years ago that I thought he could beat Marciano," he said. "I was certain that he could beat him for eight rounds but, at the time, Floyd had never been more than that distance. Now we are certain that he can go 15 rounds, if necessary, even though he has been as far as 12 rounds only once in beating Hurricane Jackson."

Patterson Breaks Hand In that fight, Patterson broke a bone in his hand early in the bout but still managed to win the decision.

"He still was strong at the end of those 12 rounds and knew that he could have gone 15 rounds," D'Amato explained.

The Patterson camp admits that a Marciano fight would be a real risk because, as D'Amato nodded, "Rocky's punch could take anybody out at any time."

But D'Amato has an iron-clad faith in his 22-year-old champion — and then, too, there is the money.

Barring Marciano's return, on tap for Patterson is an exhibition tour and a probable June fight with Jackson. After that there is nobody in immediate sight except some showprow veterans and inexperienced Eddie Machen of California.

Mutual, Hawkinson's Chalk Up Victories in City Cage Loop

Mutual of Omaha bolstered its front-running place in the Medford Independent Basketball league last night when Hawkinson Tire Tread, which took over third place alone on Monday, made another bid to rise to the top of the standings.

Mutual rambléd 79 to 33 over Headquarters Company of the National Guard and Hawkinson's downed Lea Motors 67 to 61. The setback further entrenched Lea in fourth although the Motormen did show signs of strength. The Tire team is now only a half-game away from Company A of the Guard's second spot and 1½ games from first.

It was Hawkinson's most of the way in their game with Lea last night. The Tirenmen lead by eight and 10 points in the first half. However, they "found a cover on the bucket" much of the second half and Lea's caught up at 59-all.

Fred Johnson made two free shots to put the Tire team ahead again 61 to 59. Waldron tied the score and then Johnson hit from the key to put Hawkinson's in front to stay. The Tire team closed out with Bob Serak hitting four free shots.

Max Hite and Dick Wooton held the tall Lea men, Chuck Stacy and Bruce Penny to four points each but that concentration freed Waldron who got 29 markers for the night. Dick Wooton scored 20 points for the victors, and Serak 19.

Halftime score was 31 to 24 for the Hawkinson quint.

Mutual has an 8-1 record. Company A 7-2 and Hawkinson's 7-3. Lea's is 5-4.

LINE-UPS: 41 Lea Hawkinson's 47 De Wooton 5 Hite 7 Dr. Wooton 20 Talent 1 3 250 Substitutions—For Hawkinson's, F. Johnson 3, Cavanaugh 4, McKay 2, for Lea, Penny 4, Sanford, McIntyre 2.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Prospect, Butte Falls Keep Up Pace in Jackson League

JACKSON COUNTY B LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Prospect 4 0 1.000, Butte Falls 4 0 1.000, St. Mary's 2 2 .500, Jacksonville 1 3 .250, Rogue River 0 4 .000

beat Rogue River 51 to 29.

LINE-UPS: Prospect 78 P. Daniels 9 De Wooton 20 Vannice 19 Gardner 4 J. Davidson 16 J. Davidson 16 Ring 2, Scalfie, for Jacksonville, C. Smith 2, E. Smith 7, Davis 5, Perrard, McKeen.

Prospect and Butte Falls High schools rolled up lopsided triumphs in Jackson County B league basketball last night to stay unblemished in the circuit and set the stage for a Friday evening hassle for undisputed leadership. The clubs collide at Prospect.

Butte Falls drubbed Rogue River 79 to 40 and Prospect trampled Jacksonville 78 to 47 in last night's action while St. Mary's of Medford barely outlasted Talent 39 to 38. St. Mary's took third place alone in the standings with the verdict.

Both Prospect and Butte Falls were hot and were able to get most of their shots in close. Prospect also rebounded well and had a warm night at the free throw line.

The Cougars of Prospect had period margins of 23 to 12, 41 to 14 and 64 to 32 over Jacksonville. Leo Daniels scored 20 points, Don Vannice 19 and Jim Davidson 18 for the Cougars. Gary Hueners headed Jacksonville with 16. The game marked the best offensive effort of the season for the Prospect club. Bill Irwin Has 28

Butte Falls forced Rogue River to do most of its tabulating from long range. The Loggers built a 12 to 0 lead at the start and had quarter spreads of 24 to 6, 38 to 19 and 59 to 25. Bill Irwin topped the Butte Falls scoring parade with 28 counters Pat Conley got 18 and Mike Conley 15. Larry Elledge and Bob Allen each got 12 for the Chiefs.

St. Mary's took the lead from Talent in the early minutes and held it the rest of the way. Talent applied a full court press as time ran out in the fourth quarter and was able to pull on the Crusaders who passed up good shots in effort to keep the ball. The Bulldogs got their last bucket in the closing seconds.

It was a slow game on the Medford court as SM took its time working the ball. Talent's more frequent fouls gave the Crusaders more free shot chances and St. Mary's cashed in to make the scoring difference in the game. Talent led in field goals 17 to 12 but SM put in 15 free shots and Talent just four.

Leads for St. Mary's at the intermissions were 10 to 6, 18 to 12 and 29 to 24.

In junior varsity preliminaries Talent beat St. Mary's 44 to 33, Jacksonville bounced Prospect 53 to 46 and Butte Falls

Pistons Boost Pro Hoop Lead By UNITED PRESS The Fort Wayne Pistons overcame another fine performance by scoring champion Bob Pettit of St. Louis Tuesday night to increase their narrow lead in the Western division of the National Basketball association.

The Pistons led most of the way on the home court to beat St. Louis, 97-87, despite 30 points by Pettit.

In the only other league game Tuesday night, the New York Knicks nipped Syracuse, 90-88, at home when a last-second shot by Syracuse player coach Paul Seymour barely missed.

HEART OF THE MATTER Wellington, New Zealand—(U.P.) Veterinary science lecturer at Sydney University said Tuesday he has discovered a test to determine if a horse can win a race. J. D. Steel told a science congress he had found a way to tell if a horse would win a race by studying its electro-cardiogram.

Prep Scores

TUESDAY BASKETBALL BY UNITED PRESS Central Catholic 49, Hillsboro 38, McMinnville 71, Forest Grove 59, Beaverton 71, Parkrose 64, North Salem 62, Dallas 50, Millwaukie 39, David Douglas 25, St. Helens 69, Tigard 32, Oswego 52, Newberg 48, Lincoln 59, Cleveland 49, Franklin 82, Roosevelt 50, Grant 34, Washington 41, West Linn 52, Oregon City 36, Scappoose 69, Reynolds 39, Willamette 60, Oakridge 53, Junction City 56, Creswell 54, Lebanon 52, Sweet Home 47, Woodburn 58, Willamette JV 56, Molalla 44, Estacada 35, Coquille 47, Bandon 42, Sandy 47, Canby 41, Powers 84, Sluolwa 49, Willamina 55, Nestucca 33, Burns 53, Grant Union 50, Lift 52, Waldport 44, Sherwood 52, Banks 42, Monroe 42, Sheed 33, Drain 85, Piacentia Hill 55, OCE Frost 30, Valsetz 23, Amity 49, Yamhill 42, Yoncalla 48, Glide 46, Reedport 68, Marleton 54, Coburg 74, Triangle Lake 52, Glendale 65, Riddle 41, Elsie 16, Sutherlin 42, Camas Valley 73, Oakland 49, Butte Falls 79, Rogue River 46, Prospect 38, Wicksville 47, St. Mary's of Medford 38, Talent 38

Hamia Lays His Claim On Mantle

New York — (U.P.) — European champion Cherif Hamia of France laid claim today to Sandy Saddler's vacant featherweight championship but faced the prospect of at least one bout before gaining official recognition.

The U.S. National Boxing association announced it would accept the winner of a bout between Hamia and Carmelo Costa of Brooklyn as the new 126-pound ruler.

The New York State Boxing commission, which is not an NBA member, promised to issue its opinion on the title by Friday and indications were strong that it, too, would demand Hamia meet at least one major foe to gain the crown.

Saddler's seven-year reign as king of the featherweights ended Tuesday when his manager, Charley Johnston, announced the New Yorker is quitting boxing in order to save his sight. Saddler claims injuries suffered in an automobile accident here last July 27 have resulted in partial blindness.

Dr. Thomas W. Matthew, a neurosurgeon who has been treating the 30-year-old Saddler, said, "I have advised Sandy that if he boxes again, he will run a grave risk of going completely blind. Sandy is in agreement, although it means giving up his livelihood. He still retains partial vision and, if he does not go back into the ring, there is a fair chance he will retain what sight he has left."

In Paris, Saddler's announcement was followed by Hamia's title claim made for him by his manager, Philippe Filippi.

FOREIGN BORN Chicago — (U.P.) — There is only one American-born player in the National Hockey league today—but the Chicago Black Hawks once fielded a team made up entirely of United States players.

liberate as Ashland's. A 1½-hour game scrimmage was conducted yesterday. Roelandt said it was a good drill although spotty. The club went over lots of fundamentals on Monday.

Basketball Scores

TUESDAY COLLEGE GAMES (East) Georgia Tech 81, Auburn 74, St. Thom (Minn.) 69, Marquette 65 (West) Idaho 69, Washington State 87, Oregon Tech 77, Southern Oregon 61, Whitman 74, Eastern Oregon 55

NEW SCORECARDS Washington — (U.P.) — The Washington Senators said today their 1957 scorecards will be new booklets that will make the scorecards of other major league clubs look "really bush league." New York — (U.P.) — Jess Willard, who stood 6 feet, 7 inches, was the tallest of all heavy-weight champions while Primo Carnera, who fought at about 265 pounds, was the heaviest.

Griffins Bid Again For NCAA Berth

By UNITED PRESS It looks like another post-season tournament bid is certain for Canisius college, an Eastern finalist in the NCAA basketball tournament for the past two years.

The Golden Griffins from Buffalo, N. Y., ranked second among the nation's independent teams, ran their record for the season to 13-2 Tuesday night with a 70-63 victory over St. Bonaventure and seem likely to eclipse their 19-7 mark last year, which was a school record.

Canisius now is rated 13th nationally by the United Press Board of Coaches and the only independent team placed higher is Seattle in ninth place.

Another NCAA bid would give the Griffins a chance to make up for disappointments of the past two seasons. In 1955, they drove to the Eastern finals but took a 99-64 drubbing from LaSalle. In 1956 they again surprised by going to the Eastern final round but bowed to Temple, 60-58.

Nowak Sparks Hank Nowak's 25 points sparked the Griffins to Tuesday night's triumph, which gave them a commanding position among New York state's Little Three colleges — Canisius, St. Bonaventure, and Niagara. It was only the second loss in 11 starts for St. Bonnie's Brown Indians.

Nowak, who stayed in the game despite an early injury that caused him to limp, turned the tide definitely for Canisius when he sank three free throws with two minutes to play. The hard-driving senior forward sank

Boxer Shot In NY Store

New York — (U.P.) — Former boxer Frankie Palermo, 28, who fought some of the world's leading welterweights in the late 1940s, was shot to death Tuesday night in a Bronx candy store.

The only witness to the shooting, a 13-year-old boy, told police that Palermo was involved in an argument with an unknown man in the store.

The man left the store, then returned about 15 minutes later with two other men. One of the three, the youth said, pulled a gun and fired five shots, four of which struck Palermo.

Police said he was killed almost instantly.

Palermo had been working as a bartender since his retirement.

TITTLE SIGNS

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Y. A. Tittle today signed a contract for his seventh season with the San Francisco Forty Niners and his 10th year in the National Football league. Terms of the contract were not disclosed.

seven straight one-pointers in the second half, in contrast to St. Bonnie high scorer Ken Fairfield, who tallied 15 points but missed several crucial free throws in the late stages.

In other leading games Tuesday night, Georgia Tech downed Auburn, 81-74, in the Southeastern conference; Idaho defeated Washington State, 69-37, in the Pacific Coast conference; St. Francis of Brooklyn downed Siena, 69-50; and St. Thomas, Minn., upset Marquette, 69-63.

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