

# CARMEN BASILIO ARRIVES FOR EXHIBITION MATCH TONIGHT

## Ring Champ Spends Part of Day Fishing

**CURTAIN RAISER—4 ROUNDS**  
 Porky Jimenez vs. James Fisher  
 185, Klamath Falls vs. 180, San Francisco

**PRELIMINARY—4 ROUNDS**  
 Kenny Dixon vs. Frank Coe  
 150, Klamath Falls vs. 151, San Francisco

**SEMI-WINDUP—8 ROUNDS**  
 'Battling' Nelson vs. Joe Manual  
 145, Portland vs. 147, Oakland

**EXHIBITION—3 ROUNDS**  
 Carmen Basilio vs. Leo Owens  
 131, New York vs. 187, Boston

**MAIN EVENT—10 ROUNDS**  
 Amos Lincoln vs. Bill Mathias  
 194, Portland vs. 210, Oakland

Carmen Basilio, world welterweight boxing champion, spent part of today on Rogue river relaxing with a fishing line as he rested in preparation for his three-round exhibition match with Leo Owens at Hedrick Junior high school gym tonight.

He is believed to be the only reigning champion ever to ply his trade in Medford.

When Basilio and his entourage stepped off a plane at Medford airport at 4:30 p.m. yesterday he was welcomed by Mayor John Snider, who asked him what he would like to do today. Basilio summed his desires up in two words: "Go fishing." So Snider and River Guide Jack Shoemaker left with the champion at 8 a.m. today for Shady Cove from where they

were to drift by boat to Dodge Bridge.

Basilio is scheduled to meet with veterans at the Camp White Domiciliary at 2 p.m. after which he will return to the Holland hotel to relax until fight time.

He was up at 6 a.m. today for two miles of road work after which he met with radio interviewers before leaving for the river.

About 150 spectators were on hand to see the challenger for Ray Robinson's middleweight title at the airport yesterday. Members of the Jackson county chamber of commerce greeters committee were also on hand to extend an official welcome. Several young autograph hunters surrounded Basilio as he came through the airport gate. In his party were co-managers Joey DeJohn and Joe Netro, Owens and Basilio's brother, Joey.

**Fight Plans Complete**

Meanwhile, plans were complete for tonight's program, with the first match to start at 8:30 when Porky Jimenez, Klamath Falls, steps into the ring against James Fisher, San Francisco. They are heavyweights.

The preliminary will send Kenny Dixon, Klamath Falls, making his first professional start, against Frank Coe, San Francisco. The six-round semi-windup will see Willard 'Battling' Nelson, Portland, take on Joe Manual, Oakland, while Amos Lincoln, Portland, meets Bill Mathias, Oakland, in the 10-round main event.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.



**SAMPLES PUNCH**—Steve Roemer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roemer, "samples the punch" of Carmen Basilio during an autograph-signing session at Medford airport yesterday. Steve was one of a number of youngsters who crowded around the world welterweight champion as he stepped through the gate at the airport. Basilio will box a three-round exhibition at Hedrick Junior high school gym tonight.

## De Vincenzo Links Victor

Fort Worth, Tex.—(U.P.)—Roberto de Vincenzo, the lackadaisical Latin who understands little English but who savvies the American dollar very well, had 5,000 of the latter to convert into pesos today after winning the Colonial National Invitation Golf crown.

De Vincenzo, a product of the Argentine pampas who plays out of Mexico City, charged out of the pack over the final 36-hole route Sunday with rounds of 68 and up over the 7,021-yard, par 35-35-70 Colonial Country club course to nip Dick Mayer of La Jolla, Calif., by one stroke.

His winning 284, four over par, was the highest winning total in the 12 year history of the invitation affairs.

Ed Furgol of St. Andrews, Ill., finished third with a 286.

Defending champion Mike Souchak of Grossinger, N.Y., had to share fourth place with the National Amateur champion Harvie Ward of San Francisco, but since Ward couldn't accept the money, Souchak won \$1,800.

## Injury in Ring Results in Death

Johannesburg, South Africa—(U.P.)—Boxer Jimmy Elliott's first knockout of his career resulted in his death. The South African middleweight died Sunday in a local hospital of a brain injury suffered in a title bout with Pat McAteer of England, British empire middleweight champion, Saturday night. Elliott, 26 years old and the father of two sons, was floored by a hard left to the head in the sixth round.



**OFFICIAL WELCOME**—Mayor John Snider extends an official welcome on behalf of the city to Carmen Basilio when they met at Medford airport yesterday afternoon. Snider, with river guide Jack Shoemaker, took Basilio on a Rogue river fishing trip today.

## Ball Hits Forearm, Sidelines Williams

Cleveland—(U.P.)—If it's not one thing with Ted Williams, it's another.

The slugging Red Sox outfielder was hit by a pitch on the right forearm during the fourth inning of Sunday's opening game against the Indians and had to retire from the contest.

X-rays taken of Williams' arm at University hospital disclosed no break or fracture.

## Nino Picked Over Holman

Heavyweight contender Nino Valdes of Cuba, is a 16-5 choice to beat Johnny Holman of Chicago in their ABC televised 10-rounder at Portland on Wednesday night.

Valdes' 39-14-2 record includes 30 kayoes. Holman's 31-14-1 figures includes 18 kayoes. Valdes returned recently from a successful European tour.

## SPORTS

### Grants Pass Scores 115

Grants Pass — Grants Pass high garnered firsts in 13 of 18 events and tied for another Saturday and piled up 115 points to win a three-way track meet.

Crater recorded 39 and Ashland 25.

Bill Katzenbach and Jim Maryott each won two heats in hurdle competition. Art Strunk took a 100 and 220-yard heat for Grants Pass.

Other GP victors were Jim Klett in the 100, Mike Sparlin in the pole vault, Steve Anderson in the mile, Mike Rose in the shot put, Jeff Loper in the 440, Paul Lindquist in the broad jump, Walt Morrison in the 880, and Klett, Katzenbach, Strunk and Bob Hoyleman in the relay.

Fred Thomas and Bob Fowler of GP tied with Dick Davis and John Burns in the high jump.

George Juveland took a 220 heat for Crater and Lary Smith won the javelin for the Comets. Jerry Stubblefield of Ashland copped the discus.

Coach Russ Werner of Grants Pass rested his two top pole vaulters, Phil Paquin and Stan Lewman. He held Terry Boatman out of the mile, running him instead in the 880.

## Oregon Golf Open Starts

Portland—(U.P.)—More than 200 golfers teed off today in the annual Oregon Open golf tournament which runs through Wednesday with a 36-hole wind-up on the final day.

Eugene (Bunny) Mason of Salem is the defending champion but he faces some rugged competition. Harold West of Eugene, the 1948 and 1950 winner, fired a 32 over nine holes at the Waverly Country club layout Sunday.

Rod Funseth, the talented Spokane youngster, shot a 70.

Joe Greer, Northwest PGA champion from Yakima, withdrew Sunday because of illness in his family.

Eighteen holes were scheduled today and Tuesday.

## In Second Flight Tomlin Victor

Finals have been played in all the spring golf handicap tourney flights at Rogue Valley Country club except the first.

Dick Travis's 6 and 5 victory over Al Athens in the championship flight finale already has been reported.

In the second flight Walter Tomlin won from Virgil Swanson 1 up and in the second Jerry Olson was 5 and 4 winner over Austin Layman.

Jack Daugherty and Jim Sheldon are the first flight finalists. Daugherty defeated Bill Kalibak 1 up and Sheldon beat Alan

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