

Basilio Bout Pleases Crowd; Amos Lincoln Stops Mathias

Carmen Basilio, welterweight champion of the world who aims to enter the ring against middleweight titlist Ray Robinson next summer or fall, displayed the persistent boring in style he may employ against the Sugar Boy as he exhibited his titular talents last night at Hedrick Junior High school here.

Basilio went three fast crowd-pleasing exhibition rounds with his heftier and adept sparring partner, Leo Owens. It was the feature attraction for an estimated 1000 fans although a heavyweight bout was billed as the main event. The champ is a fighter who always keeps in shape and his sharpness and conditioning were apparent as he moved with ease, class and polish through his repertoire of fistcrafts.

In the finale of the regular fight program, Amos Lincoln, 194, a Portlander barely turned 20, stopped aging Bill Mathias, 210, Oakland, Calif. Referee Earl Yoakley halted the action after 1:49 of the fourth round of a projected 10-rounder.

Nelson Victor Willard (Battling) Nelson, 145, Portland, found Joe Manual, 147, Oakland, Calif., a low target, elusive at times, but landed his punches frequently and recorded a unanimous and decisive verdict in the six-panel semi-windup.

The preliminary bout had the most free wheeling until Kenny Dixon, 150, Klamath Falls, ran out of steam. The Klamath youth, making his first pro start, scored substantially in the early portion of the four-rounder to gain a decision over Frank Coe, 151, San Francisco.

Jim Fisher, 180, San Francisco, won by technical knock-out over Porky Jimenez, 185, Klamath Falls. Referee Hugh Jennings raised Fisher's hand after 1:38 of the third round of the scheduled four-stanza ruckus.

The welter king's sparring match had the multiple purpose here of sparking interest in the champ, giving him the added incentive which comes psychologically from working before a crowd and keeping him in tune for forthcoming bouts. Managers Joe Netto and Joey DeJohn had Basilio working on a variety of punches and tactics.

Netto expressed pleasure in the way the champ "did a couple of things right" that were being tried, particularly crossing over with his right. Concerning the boring in strategy in the exhibition, the manager pointed out that Gene Fullmer made the mistake of standing back and providing a target when he lost the middleweight crown to Robinson last week.

Both Basilio and Owens wore heavy headguards and the champion's had a bar to protect his prominent nose. Basilio, 151, and his sparring mate each tossed some potent punches. There were flurries and let-ups with neither fully pressing the advantage because of the nature of the workout.

Pokes at Ref
The champion added zest to the occasion by taking a few playful pokes at referee Yoakley. At the end of the exhibition he raised the hand of his sparring partner. Owens is a boxer of recognized capability in his weight in the East.

Against Mathias in the main, Lincoln scored consistently with his left glove and came through frequently with a telling right. The Portlander was working his

rival over thoroughly against the ropes when Yoakley called the cease fire. Mathias, said in his corner to be 27 or 28 but appearing much older, had somewhat the better of it in the slow first round. After that Lincoln had command most of the time against his tiring foe and scored a knockdown as Mathias went through the ropes in the second round.

The Oaklander's nose was bloodied in the same frame. Lincoln connected with a staggering right in the third round and only the bell prevented the end of the encounter at that stage. Mathias showed disapproval of low blows on a couple of occasions.

Lincoln, agile for a man of his weight, chalked up his 39th triumph in 43 fights last night. He has lost three and fought to a draw in one fray.

In the semi Nelson landed punches with regularity in the opening chugger while Manual connected with few pokes. In the second the Californian mixed it better. Nelson had the advantage on the basis of his upsurge in blows at the end of the round. The Portland fighter took the third round by a sizeable margin, and had the edge in both the fourth in the fifth. The final frame was just about even and both battlers opened up at the finish.

Nelson's margin given by Judges Jim Zack and Don Cain and Referee Jennings averaged at about 35 to 25.

There were a lot of fireworks in the first round of the Dixon-Coe affair. Dixon scored a knockdown, was then staggered by Coe yet came back to have the San Franciscan in a groggy

state. The stanza drew wild applause from the spectators.

Dixon smashed home rights time and again in the fray. Coe couldn't consistently stop them. The Klamath youth piled up points well in the first two rounds and his sheer weariness kept the engagement from being lopsided in the last two periods. Judges Zack and Cain gave Dixon a 22 to 18 margin and Jennings called it 22-19.

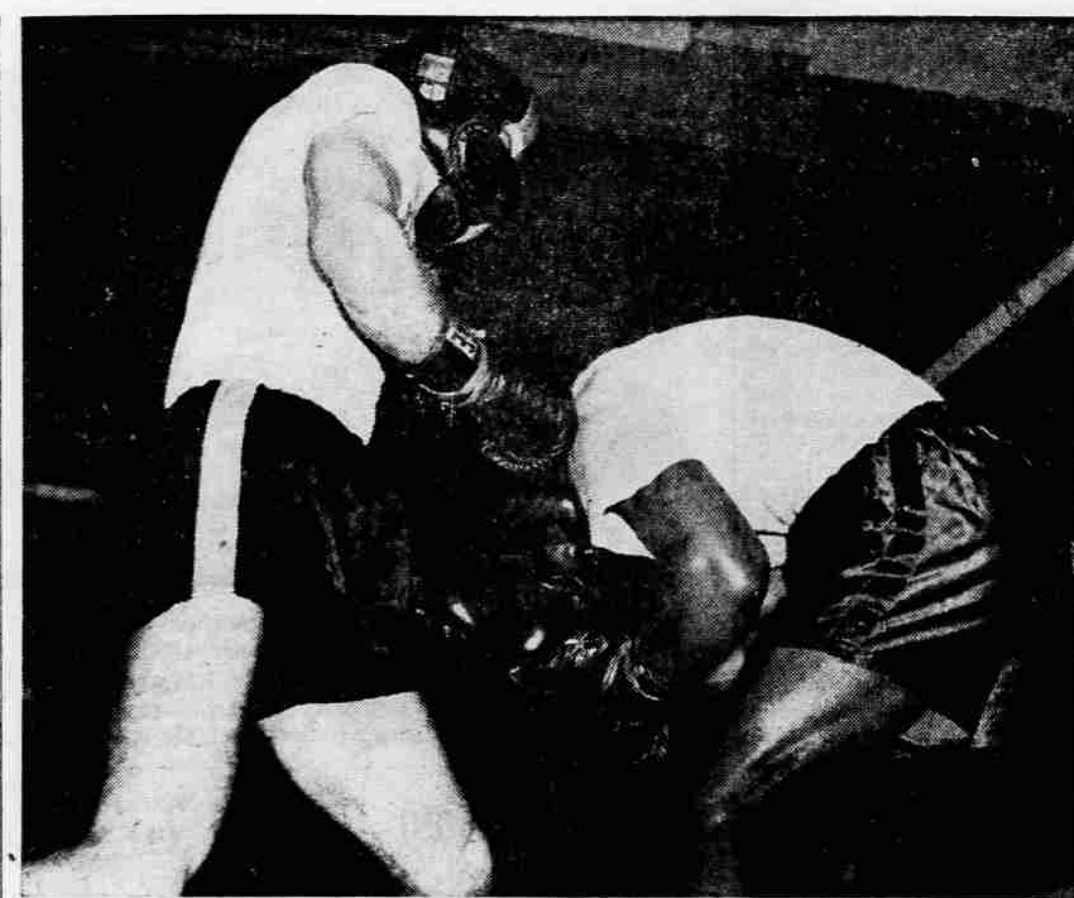
After one round of the curtain-lifter it was just a matter of time for Fisher over the plucky but outclassed Jimenez. Porky was down once for a mandatory eight count.

Basilio is thought to be the first reigning world pro boxing champ ever to demonstrate his fist prowess in Medford. He mixed pleasure with business by going fishing on the Rogue with Medford Mayor John Snider and Guide Jack Shoemaker. He caught his limit of trout and expressed a desire to return to the Rogue country with his wife.

The titlist has exhibition appearances set for Eugene and Longview, Wash., before a regular non-title fight at Portland on May 16. A May 27 scuffle is projected at San Francisco and a bout at Seattle may be fought during the current stay in the west.

Joey Basilio, brother of the champ and recently turned pro, was with the welter king in Medford and served as a second for Owens.

The fight was promoted here by Harry Chipman Enterprises in cooperation with the Portland Boxing club. Chipman last night announced plans for an outdoor card here the last week in June.



BASILIO IN ACTION—Carmen Basilio, left world welterweight champion, connects with a left and right to the head of Leo Owens during a brisk flurry in their exhibition match at Hedrick Junior high school gym last night. The fans showed their enthusiasm with rous-

ing applause at the end of the round and Joe Netto, co-manager of the champion, said he was pleased with the workout, in which Basilio tried several new punching combinations in preparation for a coming match with Sugar Ray Robinson.

OSC Gets ND Victory Over Washington U.

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Twink Pederson, Oregon State shortstop, hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the 11th inning Monday to give the Beavers a 7-6 win over Washington in a Northern Division baseball game.

Oregon State had only five hits but 15 walks aided the Beavers. The Beavers scored their first five runs with just one hit.

SPORTS

Will Shoemaker Gets Suspension for Error

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Jockey Willie Shoemaker hauled his golf clubs out of the closet today and prepared to sit out a 15 day suspension imposed on him by stewards of Churchill Downs for misjudging the finish line of last Saturday's Kentucky Derby.

Shoemaker didn't blame the stewards for suspending him — he blamed himself for the act of misjudgment that probably cost him mount, Gallant Man, victory in the race as he was nosed out by Iron Liege.

When informed of his suspension, Shoemaker said philosophically, "They think they're doing the right thing, so I guess there's little I can say about it. I just made a stupid mistake in judgment—and that's that."

Names Couldn't Be Printed
Shoemaker revealed he realized his mistake the instant after he stood up in the irons at the 16th pole and said the names he silently called himself couldn't be printed in a newspaper.

"Then I laid the whip to Gallant Man again, but it was too late. I didn't pull him up when I eased up in the saddle, but the change in my position caused him to hesitate momentarily—just enough that we dropped from a nose to a head behind. He didn't break stride, though."

The suspension prevented Shoemaker from possibly riding Gallant Man in the Preakness at Pimlico May 18 and the little jockey will be unable to ride until May 23 at any major track under the Churchill Downs ban.

Shoemaker said at Churchill Downs the identical coloring of the poles tended to confuse him, agreeing with Gallant Man's trainer, John Neud, that the finish line is obscured at the track.

His miscue cost Shoemaker 10 per cent of the winner's share of the purse \$10,700.

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Bum 'Ugly Duckling' Provides Winning Hit; NL Race Tightens

By FRED DOWN
United Press Sports Writer

Gino Cimoli, the "ugly duckling" of the National League champion Brooklyn Dodgers, is the latest example that sometimes the best trades in baseball are the ones that are never made.

A mere 111 hitter in 36 at-bats last season, Cimoli was the Dodgers' No. 1 trade bait all winter. They eventually kept him only because nobody else was interested.

Today, the 28-year-old native of San Francisco is batting .316, has driven in 10 runs, leads the team with 25 hits and is the hero of the Dodgers' 5-4 four-hour, 14-inning victory over the Braves Monday night. Cimoli broke it up with his fifth hit of the night, a solo homer off Red Murff to lead off the 14th frame and give Sandy Koufax his first win.

The Chicago Cubs whipped the New York Giants, 6-2, in the only other National League game Monday while the Baltimore Orioles defeated the Detroit Tigers, 8-6, in 13 innings and the Kansas City Athletics walloped the Washington Senators, 8-2, in American league games.

Brush Back Battle
At Ebbets Field umpire Lee Ballanfant called managers Walt Alton and Fred Haney to the mound to warn of a "bean ball."

Against Mathias in the main, Lincoln scored consistently with his left glove and came through frequently with a telling right. The Portlander was working his

duel after starting pitchers Lew Burdette and Don Drysdale both were guilty of "dusters" in the first frame.

Ed Mathews homered in the first inning but Carl Furillo blasted a three-run homer in the bottom of the inning after singles by Cimoli and Sandy Amoros. Cimoli tied in in center field for the injured Duke Snider with Amoros taking over in left field.

Mathews walloped another homer in the sixth inning and Joe Adcock blasted his sixth of the season in the eighth to produce a 3-3 tie. The Braves went ahead in the 12th on singles by Mathews and Andy Pafko followed by Johnny Logan's sacrifice fly but Cimoli doubled and scored the tying run on Furillo's single in the bottom of the inning.

Then came Gino's second homer — his first also broken up an extra inning game against Robin Roberts, April 16. The victory left the Dodgers only one game behind the front-run-

ning Braves.

STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
Team	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Brooklyn	13	4	.765	
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Top Marks Indicate Threat To District Meet Records

"Something's gotta give." That seems for sure concerning the Class A-1 District 6 track meet next Saturday afternoon.

Given good weather, thinclad athletes should smash records in at least several of the events when Grants Pass, Crater, Ashland, Klamath Falls and Medford high schools contend at the Medford stadium.

Predictions are based on performances already this spring. District records have been bettered in no less than six events. In five of these contests the top mark is better than the state meet record.

Three Grants men have exceeded the 12 feet 2 1/2 inches established by Lew Breazeale and Benson Foley, Medford, in 1954. They are Phil Paquin, 13-3, Stan Lewman, 13, and Mike Sparlin, 12-6.

Five Better for Tornado

Marks better than district have been recorded by Medford athletes in five events this season. Wally Larson has run the low hurdles in :19.1 and the high in :14.1. District marks are :19.6, by Frank Morris in 1951 and Wally Larson in 1956, and :14.6 by Jack Morris in 1950 and Larson last year.

Neil Plumley's 58-3/4 shot put is better than the 54-7 heaved by Jack Moad in the 1953 district test. Billee Lane's 1:59.1 half-mile compares to the 2:01 set by Bill Werner in 1947. The half-mile relay team of Lorin Christean, Mike Russell, Pete Kershaw and Larson have toured in 1:30.4. The district mark is 1:31.2 by Bill Buckingham, Bill Pruitt, Lou Bittle and Jack Morris, Medford, in 1950.

There have been near record performances by district thinclads in six other events. Christean has run the 100-yard dash in :09.9 (which equals the state record) and the 220 in :22.4. District bests were :09.8 and :22.2 by Bob Leslie in 1934, the oldest records on the books.

Quarter in :49.9
Russell has circled the quarter-mile in :49.9. The district tops was :49.6 by Ray Johnson in 1941. Jerry Close, Medford, has broad jumped 22-6 3/4 compared to 22-8 1/2 by Dollarhide

of Lakeview in 1940. Fred Thomas, Grants Pass, has high jumped 6-1 1/2 and the record was put in the ledger by Gary Dawes at 6-2 in 1947. Larry Smith, Crater, has hurled the javelin 191-9, indicating a threat to the 192-3 1/2 by Ed Bingham in 1953.

Other best marks this season are by Terry Boatman, Grants Pass, 4:34 in the mile, and around 146 feet by Jerry Stubblefield, Ashland, in the discus. District tops are 4:28 by George Fullerton, Ashland, in 1946 and 156-7 by Jack Brophy, Medford in 1954.

Best performances in 10 events this year have been by Medford men with two by Grants Pass and one each by Crater and Ashland.

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