

Heavy Title Tussle Has Unusual Aspects

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Issaquah, Wash. — The day Pete Rademacher came here to begin training he rode beneath a banner stretched across the main street.

It read: "Welcome Pete Rademacher. New heavyweight champ."

The sentiment was in considerable conflict with other opinion. For instance that of Nat Fleischer, editor of the Ring magazine, who views amateur Rademacher taking on heavy-weight titleholder Floyd Patterson as "the greatest mismatch in the history of boxing."

Be that as it may, Rademacher calmly is going about preparations for the Aug. 22 fight. His workout gym is the barn-like Town Hall of the town of 18,000 at the foothills of the Cascade Mountains. The building, which features an old-fashioned pot-bellied stove, is also used for town dances.

Loggers Watch Practice

Rademacher's camp is charging the unusual sum of 99 cents to see the 1936 Olympic champ workout. Among the spectators are hard-fisted, heavy drinking loggers in from the timberlands.

This fight has many unusual aspects.

One is that there will be no judges "to confuse the issue." There will be only a referee, Tommy Loughran, former light heavyweight champion who retired in 1937. If the fight goes 15 rounds he will decide the winner. He may also stop it before then.

Promoter for the fight in Seattle's Sicks stadium is Jack Hurley who has been in the game since the early 1920s. A lean, sharp-featured man in his 60s, Hurley is quick spoken and quick thinking. He sometimes wears a plume and is known as "the professor."

More of a Promoter

In the past years he has been more of a manager than promoter. He managed Harry (Kid)

Matthews and, during attempts to get Matthews a shot at the heavyweight title, spewed such invective at the International Boxing club that it found its way into the Congressional record.

Hurley's greatest disappointment was heavyweight contender Lem Franklin. After 19 straight wins, Franklin was beaten by Bob Pastor in 1942. In a 1944 fight, Franklin suffered a brain concussion and died a few days later.

Hurley is predicting a gate around \$400,000 with a full crowd in the 25,000-seat stadium at prices of \$20, \$15 and \$10.

It will take receipts of \$416,866 for Rademacher's Georgia backers to break even. They put up a \$250,000 guarantee to get Patterson to fight. The match will not be televised nor broadcast.

Seems Confident

Rademacher seems quite confident. He says he has never suffered more than a "digger or wrist sprain," in 79 amateur bouts, not even a bleeding cut or a nose bleed.

He has not seen Patterson fight except on television. Of the champ's last bout, Rademacher says:

"Patterson's gazelle punch has a lot of arm but not so much power. It's kind of like a fly that keeps lighting on your shoulder and irritates you."

Rademacher has been in amateur boxing for 10 years and he says he took more punishment in two years of college football at Washington State college than he has in the ring.

"Friends keep asking me if I'm nervous," he says. "I ask back if they are nervous when they go to work in the morning. Well, neither am I."

Rademacher says his pretty wife, Margaret, was not enthusiastic at first about his taking on Patterson.

"Now she's 100 per cent for it," says Pete. "In fact, she'll be at ringside the night of the fight. That rather surprises me."

State Shrine Footballers Pick Schools

Portland — Most of the 27 members of the State high school football squad which meets the Metro all-stars here August 24 have indicated a preference for college and Oregon State and Washington appear the lucky schools.

Five players said they would attend OSC and five said they would go to Washington. Four said they would attend Lewis and Clark, two the University of Oregon and one each at Idaho, Washington State, Brigham Young, Linfield and Southern Oregon. Five were undecided.

Among those choosing Oregon State are Roger Johnson, star athlete from Marshfield high. Others include Al Trotter, Tillamook fullback; Bruce McDaniel, Silverton center; Dick McLaughlin, Medford quarterback and Neil Plumley, Medford tackle.

Temple To Oregon

Washington was picked by Paul Thompson, Springfield halfback; Bob Wallace, Pendleton guard; Barry Bullard, Marshfield tackle; Keith Korpela, Astoria guard and Keitt Jellum, Pendleton center.

Oregon will get Jack Temple, a former Webfoot great, and Dave Urell, Astoria tackle.

Headed for Lewis and Clark are Wala Sparks, Sweet Home tackle; Gary Grill, Albany halfback; Royce McDaniel, Sweet Home quarterback and Jim Richards, Albany end.

Chuck Ridenour, Roseburg center, chose Idaho; Dick Cople, Medford end, picked Washington State; Bob Giannola, The Dalles center, will go to Brigham Young; Roy Burns, Reedsport halfback, will go to Linfield, and Le McGill, Klamath Falls halfback, has picked Southern Oregon.

FIND BOMB FACTORY

Havana — Eighteen persons, ranging in age from 15 to 55, were arrested Wednesday by police who discovered a rebel bomb factory in the heart of Havana, it was announced today.

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS



AMERICAN HURDLER SETS MARK—Ace hurdler Josh Culbreath of Norristown, Pa., bows down in thankful prayer at Biloet Stadium in Oslo, Norway after bettering the official world record for the 440 yard hurdles. He raced the distance in 50.5 seconds. The old mark of 51.3 seconds was set by Russia's Yuri Lituyev in London in 1954. A former Morgan State College star, Culbreath finished third in the 440 meter hurdles at the 1956 Olympics.

SNAKE RIVER CLUB SLATES PRACTICE

Ontario — The Snake River Valley all-star high school football team will hold its first practice session here Monday to start getting ready for its game with Central Oregon all-stars at Prineville Aug. 21.

Head coach for the squad is Dutch Kawasoe of Vale. Players are from Baker, Nyssa, Adrian, Ontario and Vale in Oregon and from Payette and Fruitland on the Idaho side of the river.

Bobo Olson Remains Slight Favorite Over McMurtry

Portland, Ore. — Carl Bobo Olson remained a slight favorite today to beat Irish Pat McMurtry in Saturday's re-scheduled heavyweight bout but the hunch bettors are not overlooking the fact the former mid-weight champ has never won a postponed bout.

If weather holds Olson and McMurtry, the pride of Tacoma, Wash., will square off in Multnomah stadium in what is billed as a bout to decide the heavyweight championship of the Pacific coast.

The contest was set for last Saturday but had to be postponed a week when a deluge hit the stadium 45 minutes before ring time.

In 15 years of pro boxing Olson has fought six postponed bouts and lost every one.

But Bobo says he's not superstitious.

He has continued a regimen of light training this week to keep himself in top shape for the fight which may mean a long step back from fistic oblivion, or a return to managing a Portland area night club.

McMurtry goes into the ring with a record of five straight knockouts in fights here. And he has youth in his favor. But the ringsters hereabouts give Olson the edge because of his greater experience.

Vasquez, Rosi Battle Tonight

Louisville, Ky. — Lightweight contenders Baby Vasquez of Mexico and Paolo Rosi of Italy meet tonight at Exposition center in a return TV fight, with the odds fluctuating around "even money."

Their 10-rounder will be televised and broadcast nationally by NBC at 6 p.m. (p.s.t.).

Rosburg Has Links Lead

St. Paul, Minn. — Bob Rosburg, 30-year-old putting genius from San Francisco, led a star-packed field into the second round of the \$24,000 St. Paul Open today.

The bulky ex-car salesman capped a brilliant back nine with an eagle three on a 40-foot chip shot on the last hole for a 30.

Rosburg chipped in twice and one-putted the sixth green in posting his 8-under-par 64 Thursday.

Howie Johnson, Houston, Tex., had a 65. In contention with 66s were Ken Venturi of San Francisco, Peter Thomson, three-time British Open champ from Australia, Jay Herbert of Sanford, Fla., and George Bayer of Los Angeles.

Defending champion Mike Souchak of Grossingers, N.Y., and Masters king Doug Ford had 68s. Popular Sam Snead, a pre-tournament favorite, posted 69.

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—NINE

Sport Memos

Ever wondered what old time sport's kings had for take-home pay . . . Tex Rickard computed the income of the professional boxing bouts he promoted. 1924-25-26 gate receipts totaled \$7,790,993. Of this, 1/20 went to state taxes and 1/10 to federal taxes . . .

American Legion baseball in Oregon ended Tuesday night with Bradford's of Portland defeating Roseburg's Legion Nine Champions 5-4.

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Paula Myers Goes After Grand Slam

Houston, Texas — USC coed Paula Jean Myers was expected to win a clear-cut claim to professional Pat McCormick's vacated diving throne today in the final events of the Women's National AAU Swimming and Diving championships.

Miss Myers will be going after a grand slam, hoping to add the platform championship to her gold medals already won in the one-meter and three-meter events.

Thursday night Carin Crone of Ridgewood, N.J., fought off a valiant challenge by Christine Kluter of Cleveland to retain her championship in the 220-yard backstroke in the record time of 1:13.7.

Earlier in the day Miss Kluter defeated the 17-year-old New Jersey Olympic star in the trials in a 1:13.8 clocking, a new American and AAU record which stood for exactly seven hours.

But Miss Crone, defending champion, sped to an early lead last night to win by a length-and-a-half.

Mary Lou Eلسenius, a 17-year-old June high school graduate from Berkeley, Calif., copped the second gold medal Thursday night churning off a 3:04.8 to add the 220-yard breaststroke title she won Tuesday night.

Sensational Australian Olympic performer Lorraine Crapp won her first gold medal as she topped the American and AAU standards for the second time Thursday to win the 440-yard free style event in 5:08.5.

Another Santa Clara swimmer, Jane Wilson, scored the night's only real upset when she nipped Sylvia Ruuska of Berkeley in the 220-yard butterfly stroke. Time of 5:13.3.

McMillan Takes National Pistol Shooting Diadem

Camp Perry, Ohio — Firing got underway here today in three team pistol events as the national rifle and pistol matches ends its first full week of competition.

The matches today were the .22 caliber team championship; the center fire team championship; and the .45 caliber team championship.

Thursday, Marine 1st Lt. William W. McMillan overcame a 9-point deficit in the finals of the national pistol championships to dethrone five-time Army M.Sgt. Hulet L. Denner.

2,612 Aggregate

The final results gave the Marine officer an aggregate total of 2,612 compared to Denner's 2,610 out of a possible 2,700.

Wave Lt. (jg) Nancy Ellifrit of Dixon, Ill., broke the women's national record for 45 caliber time fire with 193 out of 200. This was one point better than the old record set in 1955.

Mrs. Gertrude Backstrom, Hoquiam, Wash., won the women's national pistol championship with 2,592 out of 2,700. It was her third straight title.

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