

# ABL-NBA Battle Looms

Chicago — (UPI) — A possible court battle loomed today between the American Basketball league (ABL) and the rival National Basketball association (NBA) over the Cleveland Pipers.

The NBA recently voted the Pipers, members of the ABL, a franchise.

Commissioner Abe Saperstein of the ABL said Wednesday his league intends to operate through the 1962-63 season — with the Cleveland team. Earlier reports indicated the ABL may be in the process of folding.

Saperstein, following a meeting with league owners and officials said he sent telegrams to both George Steinbrenner, president of the Pipers, and to Maurice Podoloff, NBA president, threatening legal action if the Pipers failed to remain with the ABL.

"We trust you will honor your contractual obligations to the ABL and we hope you will not make legal action necessary," Saperstein wired Steinbrenner.

"Do not continue your negotiations in the Cleveland territory or legal action will be taken to prevent the NBA from destroying our league," Saperstein warned Podoloff.

Both Steinbrenner and Podoloff said they would have no comment until they received the telegrams and studied them.

"The NBA has scheduled a meeting of its board for next Monday to welcome the Cleveland club into its fold," Saperstein said. "If that is done, they will also welcome a lawsuit."

The commissioner said the Kansas City Steers, Pittsburgh Pipers, Cleveland Pipers and Chicago Majors will continue in their home cities next season.

The New York Tapers will move to Philadelphia, and the Hawaii Chiefs will sit out the season pending completion of a new auditorium in Honolulu. Long Beach, Calif., will be a new ABL team this coming season.

## SPORTS

### McMahon Is New Coach In NBA Play

Chicago — (UPI) — Jack McMahon, a refugee from the tottering American Basketball league, took the job as coach of the Chicago Zephyrs in the rival National Basketball association with the expectation of losing it, he suggested today.

"I played at St. Louis five years," he said, "and we had five coaches. Andy Phillip fired him because they said we weren't looking good winning. I know I'm not in the safest job in the world."

McMahon said he was interested in the job, for which he signed a two-year contract, after a "half hearted ABL defunct notice."

"All of a sudden I was unemployed," he said. McMahon, whose Steers won 58 and lost 28 games in the ABL last year to lead the league in both halves of the season, said he had turned down an offer to coach the Cleveland Pipers, who transferred from the ABL to the NBA last month.

#### TO WORK OUT

Green Bay, Wis. — (UPI) — Half-back Paul Hornung, the National Football league's top scorer the last two seasons, was expected to work out with the Green Bay Packers this week. Hornung was released from the Army Monday.

### Indians, Rams Beat Opponents

The Central Point Indians scalped the CP Braves 11 to 0, the CP Rams walloped Jacksonville 11 to 1, and Grants Pass sneaked past Medford 17 to 16 in southern Oregon junior baseball this week.

In the pee wee league game Tuesday, Bill Bailey and Mike Johnson did a good job of base running to set the pace for the Indians. David Bailey was two for three, Joe Pinkham was three for three and Bill Bartley had a triple in two hits for two times at bat. The Braves remained scoreless and hitless.

Wednesday, the CP Rams clobbered Jacksonville 11 to 1 in intermediate league play. Gary Froehlich hit a two-run homer in the second inning for the Rams.

In junior league ball, Grants Pass and Medford played a cat-and-mouse game Wednesday, but the Cavemen kept in the lead. It was 0-1 for GP in the first, 9-6 in the second, 12-6 in the third, 15-9 in the fourth, 15-12 in the fifth, 17-12 in the sixth, and finally 17-16.

Williams and Howerton each had three hits for GP. Duchien homered.

For Medford, Jim Cox and Dick Breeden each had a triple.

**LINESCORES:**  
(Peewee League)  
Indians 11, Braves 0  
Rams 11, Jacksonville 1  
Bailey and Miller, Hensen and Radford.

(Intermediate League)  
CP Rams 11, Jacksonville 1  
Sanford and Froehlich; Kenyon and Snow (1); Sanford.

(Junior League)  
Grants Pass 17, Medford 16  
Ward, Duchien (3); Wolk (6) and Blanchard; Everett, Fierling (1) and Cox, Wooten (5).

### Buckaroos Buy Two Forwards

Portland — (UPI) — The Portland Buckaroos of the Western Hockey league have announced the purchase of high-scoring forwards Tom McCarthy and Orval Tessier from the Boston Bruins.

General manager Hal Laycoe said the two players were acquired for cash, making them property of the Buckaroos.

Tessier has scored 43, 39, and 54 goals during his last three years of regular season play in the Quebec league. Last year he won the league's scoring championship, most valuable player, and most sportsmanlike player awards. Laycoe said he will use Tessier, a left hand shot, at right wing.

The six foot, 200-pound McCarthy scored 53 goals and added 45 assists last year for Kingston. He also drew 68 minutes in penalties and 35 more in 11 playoff games.

#### FIND DEATH'S CAUSE

Bayreuth, Germany — (UPI) — An autopsy has revealed a punch on the chin caused the death of 19-year-old amateur boxer Emil Brown, who died Sunday after a bout with Wolfgang Giesmann. The report said the blow on the chin damaged the membrane surrounding the brain, leading to a hemorrhage of the brain.



**BOXER DIES** — Sonny Nunez, 19, with only minutes to live, slumps in the arms of his trainer after being knocked out in the final round of a four-round featherweight bout in Phoenix, Ariz., Wednesday night. Nunez, making his professional debut, died while undergoing surgery for brain damage. A shattering right by Roderigo Contreras in Phoenix Madison Square Garden left Nunez unconscious but wide-eyed. He did not regain consciousness. (UPI)

### Sport Parade



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New York — (UPI) — The sports questions people ask most wherever you go:

How does the Floyd Patterson-Sonny Nunez bout shape up?

It should be one of the best heavyweight title fights in recent years. You can't downgrade Patterson because of the lack lustre calibre of the "challenger," he has beaten. But you have to consider that most of them had him on the deck. If Liston gets to that chin, you can expect Patterson to go and stay.

But the farther it goes the better chance Patterson has of wearing Liston down and winning by decision or technical knockout. This corner leans to a knockout victory for Liston because of Patterson's eagerness to prove himself against a really valid opponent.

Why has the National league dominated the All-Star game of late?

Because it shapes up as the toughest day-to-day league with a wide scattering of stars. The American league, on the other hand, is a two-division setup—the New York Yankees and nine other teams. Proof of the Yankees' complete domination came early this season when they still stayed at or near the top while performing at a mediocre pace.

The hitters weren't hitting, the pitchers weren't pitching, they were plagued with injuries to their top men, and still they were right there. It would have had them in the second division in the National league, it says here.

How come Arnold Palmer dominates the golfing scene with so many talented players on the tour?

Palmer has been called a gambler on the course, but he isn't. He practices harder than the rest, a Ben Hogan. With his tremendous strength and stamina he hits what he knows he can pull them off and this lack of doubt is one of his best winning weapons. Having an even temperament, he rarely beats himself. By reaching the top at an early age, he lost the nerve-fraying burden of necessity and yet has retained his tigerish desire for victory.

What's with Roger Maris? He could have given his sudden success the easy acceptance of a Joe DiMaggio and been a hero all the way. But Maris misinterpreted the demands of popularity as persecution. His refusal to accept the price of living in a tremendously rewarding glass house was a costly mistake. But you have to feel sorry for him when he was the only player showered with boos on being introduced at the All-Star game. You can't scowl at success and expect anybody to sympathize with what you consider to be your resultant troubles.

Are there any good young heavyweights on the horizon?

Unfortunately most of them are in exactly that position. Cassius Clay talks a good fight and seems quite promising, even though most of the guys he has fought could have been decked by Dorothy Dix with one swipe of a demitasse cup. Aside from him, there isn't a faint facsimile of a Rocky Marciano or a Joe Louis even on the other side of the horizon.

Will the National Football league ever play a "world series" with the American Football league?

Sports, beyond the Pollyanna veil, are as much a matter of big business as anything running on Wall Street. No business tycoon ever tried to share a good thing with a rival. If the AFL's money holds out another two or three years it will have built both its product and its following to attractive proportions. In such case, the NFL would have to listen to overtures simply on sound business principles. For the AFL, only survival spells success.

OSGC Reports Howard Prairie Fishing Is Fair

Portland — (UPI) — The weekly report on fishing conditions as prepared by the Oregon State Game commission:

**Northwest:** Fishing has been good across Columbia river bar; salmon angling up in bay on Nehalem river; Cape Kiwanda anglers have taken some halibut and bass; salmon fishing off Depoe and Yaquina bays slow but should improve soon; Clackamas river stocked and should provide fair to good fishing; Timoth lake fair for boat anglers.

**Southwest:** Diamond lake angling remains slow; trout angling on North and South Umpqua rivers fair; Winchester bay salmon fishing good despite afternoon winds; Coos Bay charter boats continue to make good catches; catches remain fair at Howard Prairie and Fish Lake.

**Central:** Rainbow planted in Lost and Frog lakes and Kingsley reservoir; Paulina lake fair to good; Little Cultus lake fair; Devils lake good; good fishing on Metolous river; good catches reported on Wickiup reservoir; Lake of the Woods fair for kokanee; Odell lake good for kokanee and trout; Klamath lake excellent.

**Northeast:** Good angling expected on south fork of John Day river above Dayville and on north fork of river in vicinity of Dale for released rainbow; Bull Prairie lake slow; Wallowa river producing good to excellent catches of rainbow from Minam to Wallowa; Brownlee reservoir fair to slow.

**Southeast:** Fishing generally slow in most lakes, reservoirs and streams of this area; Snake river remains fair to good; Deadhorse and Campbell lakes remain fair; Mann lake very low.

**COTTON SETS FIGHT**  
Seattle — (UPI) — Eddie Cotton of Seattle, ranked first in the light heavyweight division by the National Boxing association, will meet Pekka Korhonen of Finland in a 10-round bout at the Olympic Stadium in Helsinki Aug. 17.

**ALL-STARS WIN**  
An All-Star local softball team defeated John Wheeler Logging 5 to 0 last night at White City stadium.

# Sonny Nunez, 19 Dies After Fight

Phoenix, Ariz. — (UPI) — Death climbed into the boxing ring again Wednesday night.

Sonny Nunez, a 19-year-old Arizonian entered the ring at Phoenix Madison Square Garden for his first professional fight. Several hours later he was dead.

Roderigo Contreras battered Nunez with a shattering right cross to the head in the final round of their scheduled four-round preliminary bout and Nunez dropped to the floor. Instinctively, Nunez struggled to get up — but could not.

Ring physician Dr. Charles Kall desperately worked on Nunez as the stricken fighter lay stretched on the canvas. After attempting for 26 minutes to

revive him, officials rushed Nunez to surgery at Memorial hospital.

The young boxer was pronounced dead a half-hour later.

It was the eighth ring death this year, including amateur and professional bouts.

Only four months ago, March 24, welterweight champion Benny (Kid) Paret was battered into unconsciousness by Emile Griffith before millions of national television spectators. Paret succumbed to the injuries April 2 and the sport of boxing came under fire from irate critics.

Indeed, it probably will come under fire again.

Ironically, Nunez, who lived in Glendale, Ariz., was not even matched to meet Contreras. The latter was a substitute for Joe Rodriguez of Tucson, who was unable to make the fight.

The tragic Contreras-Nunez bout was a prelude to the North American Bantamweight championship in which Manny Elias scored a unanimous 15-round decision over Rudy Corona.

Cleroux of Montreal, ranked sixth among heavy contenders, is favored at 2-1 over 30-year-old DeJohn, who no longer is rated among the top 10.

Cleroux, 24, is a busy mauler with a good punch. He scored 27 knockouts while winning 32 of his 36 fights.

Lanky DeJohn throws less leather than the Canadian but he is a very explosive righthand puncher. He registered 28 kayoes among his 42 wins in 53 bouts.

This year Cleroux had five fights. He scored knockouts over George Logan, Jim Wiley, Cecil Gray and Gerry Simpson, but dropped a verdict to Zora Folley April 18.

DeJohn had only two bouts in 1962. He was knocked out by Folley, but outpointed Bert Whitehurst.

The week's boxing schedule includes:

**Thursday** — Albuquerque, N.M. — Don Jordan vs. Joey Limas.

**Friday** — San Juan, P.R. — Jose Torres vs. Obdulio Nunez.

**Saturday** — Miami Beach — Bob Cleroux vs. Mike DeJohn (TV).

Sabu City, Philippines — Flash Elrode vs. Teruo Kosaki non-title.

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# CP, CWA Win in Softball

Central Point defeated Jay Allen 7 to 6 and Communication Workers of America whipped International Harvester 16 to 8 Wednesday night in Jackson County Softball association play.

Tuesday night Grants Pass downed Tru-Mix 9 to 5, and Sam Jennings beat Butte Falls 11 to 1.

In the CP-Jay Allen clash, single runs for CP were earned by Denny Burns, Ted Yarnell, Harvey Tonn, Tim Higgenbotham, George Touveland, Jim Eldred and Vern Neiswanger. Burns and Neiswanger each had three hits.

For Jay Allen Jerry Shults slammed a home run in the seventh to highlight the hitting. John Cantrall had two hits, Ed Cripe, Jim Reinholdt and Chuck Hoyt completed the hitting. Runs were made by Cripe, Tom Perdue, Shults, Owen Bristlen, Hoyt and Mike Hood.

In Tuesday's major league game between Tru-Mix and the Elks, Les Saffer, Bill Ferguson and Sargent each collected two runs to set the pace. Single runs were made by Glen Reese, Kermit McLeMore and Frank Morrison. Ferguson had two hits for four times at bat.

For Tru-Mix, Norm Hedgepeth hit a home run. Lowell Dean, Bill Werner and Dee Thames also had hits. Making the runs were Tom Marier (two), Art Huff, Dean and Hedgepeth.

Games tonight will see the Mail Tribune against Sam Jennings in minor play at 6:45 p.m., and Keith Schulz at Grants Pass in the majors at 8:15 p.m. at Cheney field.

**GRIFFITH TAKES MATCH**  
Tacoma, Wash. — (UPI) — Promoter George Parnassus has matched welterweight champion Emile Griffith and Denny Meyer for a nationally televised non-title bout here Aug. 16. Griffith and Meyer split in their previous two meetings.

Second flight: Barbara Saunders (GP) defeated Julie Koegel, Gearhart, 2 up; Mary Saunders (GP) defeated Lowell Anne Young, Tacoma, 3 and 1.

Third flight: Candy Howard, La Grande, defeated Susan Boals (Medford) 1 up.

**LINESCORES:**  
(major league)  
Tru-Mix 9, Elks 5  
GP Elks 11, Butte Falls 1  
Huff and Riggs; Browns, Saffer (3) and Butten.

Central Point 7, Jay Allen 6  
Neiswanger and Lane; Reinholdt and Hood.



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