

Harry Wills Knocks Out Ted Wilcox in Feature of Initial Fighting Event

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A left cross, lashing out like a whip, brought victory to Young Harry Wills in the feature event of Promoter Fred T. Merrill's initial fight card, held in the Roosevelt theatre Friday night.

The excited fans, who a minute before had cheered Mickey McCafferty to a six-round victory over Eddie Spina, sat dumbfounded. The fight was just two minutes old and only four real punches had been landed, but the way Ted Wilcox of Salem crashed to the floor left little doubt in the minds of the crowd that the bout was really over.

From out of a clinch on the ropes came the deciding blow, Wills landing a short right to Wilcox's mid-section. Fighting to gain his breath the Salem lad back-pedaled furiously, but again the ebony man's hand shot out, squarely to the pit of the stomach.

As Wilcox's legs started to buckle the Longview negro crossed with a right to the head, but the Oregon boy was out. For the full count of ten he crouched on the mat, head down and body racking with pain from the paralyzing blow.

The other half of the double-

main event, pitting Eddie Spina 135, Portland Italian, against McCafferty, 138, St. Paul, was one of the cleverest fought bouts of the night. Spina who lacks only a little more stamina and experience to be in the big time, was at a loss to find suitable openings.

In the first of a trio of four-rounders Dick Johnson, 158, Portland, making his first ring start in several months, out-boxed his opponent, Guy McKinney, 158, Texas, for the first two rounds and then carried a wild fourth to gain the official decision.

The bout that really convinced the fans they were to see real action on the card was the clash between Johnny Shaw, 148, Seattle negro, and Roy Rambeau, 145, Portland, which went to the former on a knockout in the third round.

The curtain-raiser saw Harry Carroll, 175, Portland, score an easy technical knockout over Jim Brooks, 173, Gresham, in the third round.

The Chronicle hopes to be in a position to carry news of unusual interest next week. We hear rumors that bear the earmarks of truth—and if they are true will make interesting reading.

ENGINEERS DROP TWO HOOP TILTS IN WEEK'S PLAY

The winning streak of the United States Engineers' basketball team came to an abrupt end last week as two visiting quintets scored hard-earned victories over the government five.

Tuesday night the veteran Odell townies started the downfall by nosing out a 34-31 decision. Thursday night the powerful Turn Verein Turners of Portland, featuring a team on which every man stood over six feet in height, added to the trouble by scoring 32 points to the Engineers' 25.

The Odell clash saw the Bonneville hoopers score in jerky but effective spurts, holding a 19-7 lead at the quarter and a 19-15 margin at half time.

In the third period Odell tightened its defense, and knotted the score at 23-all. The lead then changed hands three times in the first four minutes of the final quarter before the visitors jumped out in front for good.

Against the Portland team the Engineers were forced to start without a single available substitute, but with big Al Elkins pouring in five field goals, took the lead at 18-17 as the first half ended.

CASCADE LOCKS PREP HOOPERS SPLIT SERIES WITH STEVENSON TEAM

Cascade Locks high, after scoring a 17-12 win over the Stevenson Eagles Saturday night on its own floor, dropped a rough clash Wednesday night in the Washington city, 17-16.

The local quintet jumped into the lead in the opening minutes of the first game. In the other tilt they held quarter leads of 6-4, 10-6, and 16-10, but fell behind in the last seven minutes of play, failing to add a single point to their total.

With Cramblet showing the way in the series opener, the prep Pirates held a 6-2 lead in the first period and 9-4 at half time. In the third quarter both teams passed and shot wildly, neither adding to its point total, but in the final period both fires fouled frequently and converted free tosses coolly well, swelling the scoring.

Wednesday night Coach Aurieth, unable to find a clicking combination in the second half, replaced all but two of his starting lineup. But the Eagles, with Douglas pouring in four points, spurted through a hectic last seven minutes to victory.

LOCKS TOWNIES WIN AND LOSE AGAINST STEVENSON HOOPERS

The Cascade Locks townies closed a two game series with the Stevenson community five Wednesday night by dropping an exceptionally rough tilt, 31-18. The opener, played Saturday night on the local floor, found the visiting quintet on the short end of a 33-23 count.

In the victors' game Coach George Thomas' proteges failed to get started in the opening quarter, finding themselves on the short end of a 7-2 count. In the other three periods, however, led by Bill Brink and Sackett Harrison, the local hoopers found their opponents' basket with unerring accuracy.

The series nightcap, on the Stevenson floor, was just the opposite, the Locks team holding a 7-6 lead in the first period and never again threatening.

Al Elkins, star forward of the United States Engineers, paced the Washington team through both games, getting 12 counters in the first and 14 in the second. Glib Harrison gained high-scoring honors for the Locks, with 15 counters, seven in the opener and eight in the nightcap.

TO ASK STAGE STOP
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