

# Fans All Aflutter Over Tonight's Big Fight

## DIXON-FELDMAN BOUT CREATES KEEN INTEREST

Opinions of Sports Followers About Equal as to Relative Merits of Two Great Fighters; Betting Equal and Offers Freely Taken; Crowded House Will Greet Greatest Fight Ever Staged in Klamath Falls.

It is a well known fact that Klamath Falls is the best fight town of its size on the coast, yet it was hardly to be expected that a city of this size would be able to pull together two of the best fighters in their weight today—Cyclone George Dixon of Portland and Willie Feldman, former star of New York, later of Aberdeen, Wash., and now of Klamath Falls. It is only due to the fact that Willie resides here that Matchmaker Joe Bickerstaff was able to arrange for this stellar performance in the Legion arena.

### Interest Runs High

In the big cities the wires would be hot this evening telling a rabid sports world about the great fight about to be pulled off and when the battlers met in the ring a radio announcer would describe just how Dixon acted as he appeared and how Willie smiled when Louie Polin hollered "I'm betting on you, Willie." But here we have not reached the stage yet where the radio has been brought into play to advertise our fights and the world must remain in ignorance of the outcome until the fight is over and the morning papers are on the street. Regardless of some handicaps, interest is at a high peak, not only in Klamath Falls, but over a generous part of southern Oregon and northern California. Mail orders for tickets have been pouring in since the fight was definitely announced and it is expected that standing room will be at a premium tonight.

### Both Fighters Confident

When the gong rings for the initial round of the main event the fans will find two boys in the pink of condition. Careful training has put each in a frame of mind that he is going to win and that to do so he must put up a fight, not an exhibition—a fight.

### Betting About Equal

Klamath fans have seen Feldman in action. They know he can box with the best of them. Some express the opinion that due to that ability Willie will be able to carry the fight through the ten rounds to a possible decision. Others, noting the improvement in his hitting power look for him to slip over the sleeping potpourri somewhere around the fifth canto; while others think that Willie will be doing well to get through in any shape.

### This is all a matter of individual opinion

Willie has not been playing the big centers so much of late and in the encounters he had in the south a few months ago he was not up to form, hence his name has not been headlined. Dixon, on the other hand, is very much in the headlines and needs to stay there at least long enough to get a shot at Mickey Walker. He is a fighter, and no doubt about it. Boxes and slugs both, a combination to make the best boys get up on their toes. He has the distinction of never having been knocked off his feet, and with that record back of him he has no fear in meeting the boys of his weight. He's not taking chances with Feldman and will go in with a determination to end the fight as quickly as possible.

### Louitt is Referee

Benny Dotson, the guitar tinker supreme, declares that his boy will not need any high-toned clothes but will just go in to win. Ben and his musical sidekick, the saxophone tootin' Harold (Syack) Halas, will furnish amusement to the faithful fight crowd with some toe-tickling harmony.

### As a further guarantee of the battle being well handled, Tex Bickerstaff has imported the ace of the Portland referees—none other than Tom Louitt, who has handled lots and lots of fights and is one of the ablest men on the coast today.

### The preliminaries as announced by Matchmaker Bickerstaff follow:

Four rounds at 170 pounds—Gus Eaton of Klamath Falls against Fighting Bob Evans of Dunsmuir, Calif.

Four rounds at 145 pounds—Turkey Red of Eugene against Battling Judd of Coquille.

Four rounds at 140 pounds—Leo Burns of Beatty against Joe Melillo of Portland.

Four rounds at 144 pounds—Honolulu Joe of Klamath Falls against Johnny Jackson of Modoc Point.

### What Observers Say

Mayor Walker—Sure to be a great fight. Will be there.

Gunnar Peterson—Dixon looks good to me.

Vaughan Ellis—Feldman takes colored flash. (Covered by Manager Abe Brown).

Doctor Hamilton—Good draw but give me Steamboat.

### Red Sanders—I like Willie on decision.

Brady Nelson—Feldman a sweetheart; can't miss.

Eddie Morris—Oh you twenty smackers! Come on Willie.

Claude Newman at Feloops—Nothing but Dixon.

Al Dippert—I like Feldman.

Ernie Olson—Dixon by knockout in five rounds.

Geo. Blanes—Tough fight; raise both hands.

Capt. Bill Burke—Think Feldman too clever.

Earl Whitlock—I'm betting it goes the limit.

Dr. Noel—Feldman all the way.

Bill Bonfield—Dixon to take the decision.

## SENATORS FIND RACE FOR FLAG NONE TOO EASY

By ORLO ROBERTSON (Associated Press Sports Writer)

Baseball games won in the spring count as much as the ones won in September but the Washington Senators are discovering that it takes more than an April and May winning streak to keep in the midst of the American league fight.

True, the Senators are still clinging tenaciously to second place in the junior circuit but every day sees the Indians creeping closer and closer. Today Cleveland is only a half-game away while out in front, setting a burning pace, are the Athletics with a three game lead.

The Indians today stood within grasp of runner-up honors as the result of a 5 to 4 victory over the Senators yesterday. With Eddie Morgan providing the big gun of the offensive power and Walter Miller hurling good in the pinches, Cleveland came from behind to nose out their rivals in the eighth inning. Morgan hit a home-run with one on and then added a triple later in the game.

Taking advantage of the Senators' defeat, the Athletics strengthened their hold on first place by sking out a victory over the White Sox 3 to 2. Big Bob Weiland held the champions at bay for eight innings, but in the ninth they bunched two of their six hits with a base on balls and a sacrifice fly to score what proved to be the tying and winning runs.

Chad Kimsley turned in a brilliant bit of relief hurling at St. Louis but holding the Yankees to five hits in six innings failed to stop them from defeating the Browns 5 to 5. The Yanks scored seven of their runs off Crowder in the first three innings.

In the only other game played today in the major leagues the Red Sox nosed out Detroit 7 to 6 by a five-run rally in the seventh. Gaston held the Tigers to nine hits.

All national league games were postponed either because of rain or wet grounds.

## Perpetual Youth To Participate in Billiard Tourney

ST. LOUIS, June 10. (AP)—With a championship at stake, two St. Louis "youths," John M. Gomes, 26, and S. R. Hyatt, 22, will meet today in a billiard match.

The winner will be crowned champion of the fifth annual perpetual youth tournament. Last year's champion, Captain W. F. Henry, 91, did not compete this year.

Practically all the other 94 members of the perpetual youth club about equally divided in their opinion as to the outcome, planned to be on hand for the match. The combined ages of the 96 members total 7,582.

The club has only one requirement for admission—the applicant, to escape the "black ball," must be at least 70.

## Willie Kamm Put On Shelf by Bush

CHICAGO, June 10. (AP)—Willie Kamm, formerly of the San Francisco coast league club, who led American league third basemen in fielding in 1928 and 1929, has been benched by Manager Donie Bush of the White Sox.

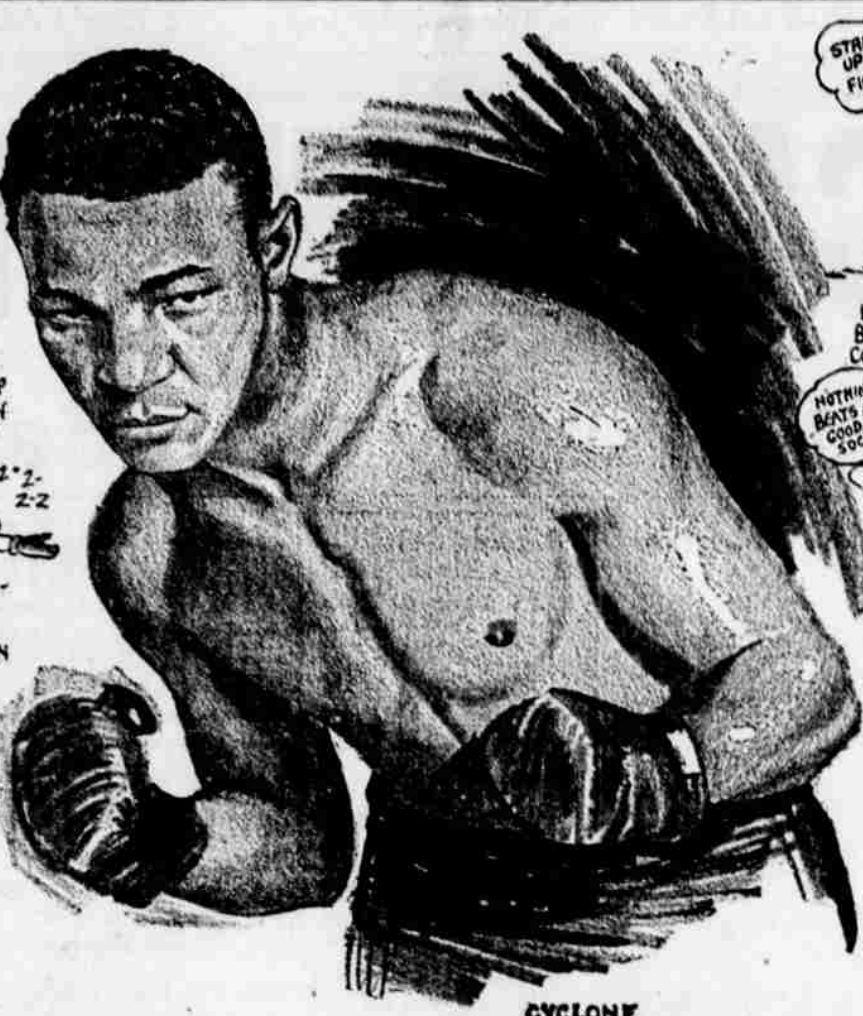
Kamm has failed to get started this season and was included in a wholesale shift which sent Irving Jeffries to third base, Smead Jolley from right field to left, Carl Reynolds to right and Johnny Watwood to center, in an effort to add punch to the Sox attack.



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## CHAMP KNOCKS DOLAN OUT IN THIRD STANZA

Young Jack Thompson in No Danger at Any Stage of Fight

PORTLAND, Ore., June 10. (A.P.)—Young Jack Thompson, welterweight champion of the world, showed his mettle here last night by knocking out Jimmy Dolan, rugged Portland Maxton writer, in the third round of a scheduled ten-round non-title fight. Dolan weighed 149; Thompson 147.

The Oakland, Cal., negro found Dolan's chin early in the fight and dropped him for a count of nine in the first round.

Dolan came back hard in the second round, set a fast pace and maintained it throughout the round. But the champion easily dodged all the blows that would have done damage had they landed.

Thompson dropped Dolan for a nine count again in the third round. Dolan got up only to go down a minute later for a count of ten.

Uses Looping Right The negro used a looping right to the chin to score both knockdowns and the knockout. He was the master and the aggressor throughout the bout, ripping short rights and lefts to Dolan's head and body.

Jack Kenworth, 145, and Ray Nelson, 152, both of Portland, fought six rounds to a draw in the semi-final. Abie Israel, Portland, 114, won an easy decision from Jimmy Ketchell, 116, Seattle, in four rounds.

Johnny Hansen, 144, Portland, knocked out Bobby Dugger, 145, Portland, in the first round of a scheduled four-round fight. Ray Moran, 145, Portland, decisioned Fred Welch, 144, Portland, in four rounds and Dutch Easter, 129, Los Angeles, scored a technical knockout over Lee Davis, 125, Portland, in the third round.

## SOLONS, OAKS TO PLAY UNDER FLOOD LIGHTS

Clubs Hope to Increase Attendance With Night Playing

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Sacramento, having consistently kept in front of the pack under old fashioned sunlight, looked forward to a new test today in the first game of night baseball to be played in the Pacific coast league. The Oakland outfit, one of the contenders for first division honors, was in the capitol city prepared to meet the Sacs under the blaze of a battery of flood lights that is expected to provide satisfactory playing conditions and at the same time allow the attendance of fans who have work to do in the day time.

Can Accommodate 20,000 Law Moreing, president of the club, hoped that the park attendance record of 12,000 might go by the boards in the inaugural of the night system, which has already been adopted in the Western and Three Eye leagues and the American Association.

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## FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS PITTSBURGH—Farmer Joe Cooper, Terre Haute, Ind., outpointed Joe Tripps, Rochester, N. Y., (10).

BOSTON, Mass.—Lou Scozza, Buffalo, N. Y., outpointed Tony Shureco, Boston, (10).

COLUMBUS, O.—Mike O'Dowd, Columbus, outpointed Jimmy Freed, Columbus, (10).

FLINT, Mich.—Marty Gold, Philadelphia outpointed Quinna Lee, Jacksonville, Fla., (10); Ollie Bartlett, Minneapolis, outpointed Happy Thornton, Indianapolis (10); Nick Ellenwood, Ft. Wayne, Ind., outpointed Richie Mack, San Francisco, (10).

WICHITA—Baxter Calmes, Wichita, outpointed Tony Fuent, San Francisco, (10).

## STECHEK COMES BACK

SEATTLE, June 10. (AP)—Joe Stecher, former heavyweight champion, defeated Charlie Hanson, Seattle, two out of three falls here last night. Hanson won the first fall with a body slam. Stecher came back to take the next with the same trick and won the final fall with his pet scissors hold. Des Anderson, Salem, Ore., light heavyweight, defeated Jim Thor, Seattle, in the curtain raiser.

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By HERBERT W. BAKER (Associated Press Sports Writer)

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Estimate \$100,000 A steady rain, drab and colorless, could not prevent customers from appearing in droves at Madison Square Garden's box offices yesterday to demand more or less choice seats for the fray at Yankee Stadium. At the end of the day the Garden announced the coffers of the milk fund, sponsors of the show, had been swelled by \$40,000. Recalling that \$30,000 had been taken in on Friday and Saturday, the Garden was not slow to estimate that the total gate would pass \$700,000.

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## League Standings

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The Nut Cracker

Before Max Schmeling came to America this time he made a talking movie called "Love in the Ring." Maxie must have got the idea from a couple of fights he saw when over here on his last trip.

It seems passing strange, now that we think of it, that Maxie hasn't saved one drowning girl, lost a \$10,000 bathrobe, been shot at, or attacked a photographer since he started training. These things usually are the first to be attended to.

If Schmeling wins, we hope the New York Boxing Commission doesn't decide that Johnny Risko is too small to fight him.

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