

### Steamboat Wants Fight With Becker

#### Jackson's Ambition Provoked by Growing Popularity of Boxing - Wrestler; Sandeh's Challenges Hold Hopes of Fine Mat Cards.

By JOE PIGNY

The obvious — something unnaturally evasive — was captured in Klamath Falls Tuesday when Steamboat Jackson, churning his way through a Southern Oregonian, presented the story of an injured pride and a rising ambition.

Steamboat has paddled around the Legion hall ring times without end, winning, losing, drawing, but persistently striving for popularity and getting it. Popularity, Jackson is quite certain, easily turns fickle among a never terminating list of admirers, so Steamboat has thoroughly made up his mind not to let this fickle-hearted "fickle" without a showdown.

Steamboat dropped around to the Legion hall ten days ago to watch a new resident of Klamath Falls, Pete Becker from Colorado, complete a clever, hard-hitting introduction in his six-round victory over Chief Thomas, the now decidedly tamed wild Indian from Coquille. Last Monday Steamboat was back at the Legion hall — scratching his head with a handful of fingers describing nothing else but dismay and perplexity — to observe Becker's further ascendancy into the heart of popularity, this time in a foxy wrestling triangle with Pat Reagan, Wyoming compuncher.

Watching someone else winking at Klamath Falls popularity hurt Jackson's pride—the hurt pride roused ambition, and then the ambition discovered the obvious—why, a fight with Becker, of course!

Jackson wants Becker in the ring for ten rounds, and if Becker can win out the Steamboat doesn't ask a dime—not even a nickel—not even a cent. That is the sort of ambition and pride possessed by the young veteran of Klamath county boxing programs.

Not often does a promoter have a "natural" match such as this one between Becker and Jackson might be. Jackson has neither the cleverness nor the experience of Becker, but he has solid determination, a vicious punch, and can really take 'em and still keep 'em.

The match is a "natural" simply because both Becker and Jackson want the undivided ownership of local popularity. To retain the favor he already has Steamboat would be cut, decks stripped off, full speed ahead, to win, and Becker, to gain the following of the city, would rouse his nimble boxing brain and load up that devastating left hand to make a two-fisted stand for his rising honor.

Among all the intricate maneuvers of matching there still remains that fundamental agreement between three persons — two fighters and one promoter—invariably bringing about matches. The promotion already is one-third completed — Steamboat has tended to that — and the other two-thirds of the deal—Pete Becker and Matchmaker Herb Owen may be willing to look into the matter.

The fight fans of the town have started thinking about the possibilities of this fight. Bill Elliott said Tuesday he had salted five dollars into an unused pocket that he would be willing to bring out for a ringside seat at a Becker-Jackson scrap.

Becker, fighting around 160 pounds would have a little edge on Steamboat's 155.

Wrestling returned to Klamath Falls Monday with pleasant explosions—explosions apparently can be pleasant. Mr. Roy Anderson, one-time permanent main-event here, was again and actually forgotten. Robin Reed, world's welter champion, spun to victory over Sam Romaine, Detroit, in a match packed with a bit of everything.

There is bound to be some brilliant wrestling cards in the future. Bill Sandeh, the Doris Swede, was back in the ring just before the main event, to challenge George Wilson, Bob Kruse and Ray Frisbie.

George Wilson, you remember, was that great Washington fullback who plied up Ernie Nevers of Stanford in an almost individual duel for the coast conference football championship in 1925. Bob Kruse wrestled as an amateur for Multnomah club, and is now one of the outstanding light heavy attractions on the coast.

Ray Frisbie, Medford man, who failed to defeat Sandeh in two vicious attempts, met Wilson at Medford Tuesday night.

# Coast League Votes Down Split Series Plan

## PACIFIC LOOP TO CONTINUE 7-GAME SCHED

OAKLAND, Calif., Jan. 19. (UP)—Opponents of split series won a victory today when directors of the Pacific Coast league at the annual spring meeting here voted to continue with seven-game series.

Bill Lane, president of the Hollywood club, led the fight against a proposal that a series of three games be played the first of each week and another of four games to follow.

Lane pointed out there would be additional traveling expenses under such a plan, and then advanced the major point against it. He offered facts to show that train schedules on the Pacific coast would make it impossible to have split series.

Immediately after the vote, the schedule for the coming season was approved. Games to be played on big dates of the season that starts April 5, are:

**Big Games Listed**  
Opening week: Missions at Sacramento; Seattle at San Francisco; Hollywood at Oakland; Portland at Los Angeles.  
Memorial day: Oakland at Seattle; Sacramento at Portland; Mission at San Francisco; Hollywood at Los Angeles.  
July 4: San Francisco at Sacramento; Los Angeles at Portland; Oakland at Mission; Sacramento at Hollywood.

**Labor day:** San Francisco at Sacramento; Portland at Mission; Hollywood at Oakland; Seattle at Los Angeles.  
**Admission day:** Los Angeles at Sacramento; Seattle at San Francisco; Mission at Oakland; Portland at Hollywood.

**Closing week:** Portland at Seattle; Mission at San Francisco; Seattle at Oakland; Hollywood at Los Angeles.

OAKLAND, Calif., Jan. 20. (AP)—William Kieper, president of the Seattle club of the Pacific Coast league, said he would like to organize a circuit in the northwest if nothing developed of the California State league, discussed by league directors Tuesday. Clubs would be from Seattle, Portland, Tacoma, Yakima, Aberdeen and Bellingham, he said. The directors voted to waive territorial rights at Portland and Seattle to enable class D clubs to play there when the Coast league clubs were on the road.

The 1932 season will open April 5 and close October 2.

## CLUB TEAM DROPS CONTEST TO MECCA

The Klamath Athletic club was unseated from its undefeated leadership of the city basketball league Tuesday night when it lost its first game of the season to Mecca, 41 to 25.

In the second half of the double-header at the Mills gymnasium the Sons of Italy were dropped into the cellar by Henley, 29 to 24. The club team, weakened by the loss of Keith Emmons, was trailing Mecca at the half, 17 to 15. Clayton led the Mecca Hoos to victory with 14 points, and Molators was high point man for the club with 10.

Henley came out from behind a 10 to 10 disadvantage at the half to win from the Italians. Haley was high for Henley with 14.

Manager Leo Walsh of the Mecca team stated Wednesday that Emmons played the entire game for the Mecca, but made only four points, and that the Mecca team won fairly from the Athletic club's strongest team.

## Sarpolis Wins On Foul From Kruse

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20. (UP)—Dr. Karl Sarpolis, 215, Cleveland chiropractor, won on a foul from Bob Kruse, 193, Portland, Ore., in the second fall of their scheduled finish wrestling match here last night. Kruse was warned for rough tactics in the first fall but went on to pin Sarpolis with a series of double wristlocks in 21 minutes. He started pulling hair in the second fall and the referee awarded the match to Sarpolis. In the semi-final Wladek Zbyzko, 228, tossed Nick Velocoff, 225, with a series of flying mares in 24 minutes.

probably waiting to be invited back to Klamath Falls to accept the challenge put up by Sandeh. That's another prospectively brilliant match, and adds to the possibilities of good cheer in athletics here.

But according to reports, while the hula-hula is hot, it's well done it isn't raw.

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## Steve Hamas Is Heavyweight Boxing Sensation of Season

By Edward J. Neff (A. P. Sports Writer)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 20. (AP)—A big, finely muscled youngster with a wide, intelligent face, sat on the edge of a rubbing table, a robe about his naked shoulders, eight-ounce gloves on his hands.

"Remember kid," insisted the stooped old timer bobbing in front of him. "His legs are gone. Rush him to the ropes. Throw a wild right hand at his chin with everything behind it. Do you understand?"

**Rushed Tommy Loughran.**  
"Yes, sir, Mr. Harvey," said Steve Hamas, the finest young American heavyweight of the day.

A few minutes later in the Madison Square ring, Hamas rushed the veteran Tommy Loughran to the ropes and let the right hand go. That was the beginning of the end. Soon after that he helped Tommy to his corner. As he walked back with one of his seconds he shook his head.

"Anybody but him," Steve said. "I always liked him."  
Hamas became the newest heavyweight sensation that night. He walked back with one of his seconds he shook his head. He won 12 let-

## BOXING BOARD WELCOMES MAX BACK TO GAME

NEW YORK, Jan. 20. (UP)—Putting aside any thoughts of revenge which it may have had, the New York boxing commission today welcomed Max Schmeling back into the field, and sanctioned a return bout between the German titleholder and Jack Sharkey of Boston.

Twenty minutes after Schmeling stood before the commission and told them of his desire for a meeting with Sharkey, the press was summoned and handed the following facts:

1. Schmeling and Sharkey will meet on or before July 1, in a 15-round heavyweight championship bout.
2. Joe Jacobs, manager of Schmeling, and Johnny Backley, Sharkey's manager, will appear before the commission next Friday for the formal signing of contracts.
3. Each fighter will be forced to post a guarantee of \$25,000 as evidence of good faith. The guarantee must be made by certified check, and in case of default half of the guarantee will go to the promoter, half to the outraged opponent.

No mention was made of a promoter. It being taken for granted (and rightly so) that the bout will be sponsored by Madison Square Garden. The Garden holds a contract with Schmeling calling for the championship to make his next title defense under its banners.

## Carnera Again Italian Citizen

SEJUALS, Italy, Jan. 20. (UP)—The spacious home of Santa and Giovanna Carnera glowed with lights last night and red wine and spumoni were set out for the neighbors. Giovanna was the happiest woman in the village because her well known son, Primo Carnera, had again become a citizen of Italy.

Primo, the Italian super-heavyweight boxer, received a letter Tuesday from Udine, headquarters of the Italian boxing federation. The letter contained a 1932 membership card in the federation, and was the official recognition that he again had become a citizen of Italy.

Carnera lost his Italian citizenship a couple of years ago when he became a citizen of France.

## Veteran Fielder To Manage Toledo

TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 20. (UP)—Bib Falk, veteran outfielder of the Cleveland Indians, will be appointed manager of the Toledo Association club. It was announced today by Bill Evans, general manager of the Indians.

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## HANSEN WINS OVER SEATTLE BOY IN BOUT

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20. (AP)—Old man depression was nowhere in sight last night as boxing fans filled every nook and cranny of Portland's civic auditorium to see Johnny Hansen, 145 pounds, Portland, take a clean cut decision over Tony Portillo, 150, Seattle, after two previous draws.

Thirty five hundred fans paid \$2.85 to see Joe Waterman's card, the largest fight gate of the season.

Hansen, a greatly improved fighter, took four rounds of the six. While there were no knockdowns, Hansen's rights and lefts shook Portillo several times. The Seattle boy, strong at the start, weakened in the latter rounds and his blows lacked power.

Portillo's best round was the fourth when he seemingly had Hansen worried.

Neil Kilbane, Tacoma middleweight and Ray McQuillan, Portland, put on a good six round draw, which lacked the fire of their previous match.

Johnny Spencer, Seattle welterweight, surprised the crowd by taking Cyclone Page, New York negro, for a six round decision. Page, as tough as they make 'em, couldn't get started, as the Seattle boy was on top of him every minute.

Ah Wing Lee, former Portland Chinese lightweight, now of Seattle, a much improved boxer, technically knocked out Johnny Garvey, Los Angeles, with a left to the solar plexus in the fourth round.

Dutch Doring, Vancouver, Washington, lightweight, knocked out Arthur Leonard, San Francisco in the third with a right over the heart.

## IDAHO QUINTET BEATS OREGON

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 20. (AP)—Idaho University's basketball team took sweet revenge over Oregon Webfoots here last night, coming back to win by a 39 to 19 score.

Idaho won the game in the first few minutes of play when they piled up a lead of 13 to 0 and led at the half 23 to 5. Everything Idaho threw against the backboard seemed to flop into the basket. Oregon did better in the second half, producing 14 points, but it was not enough.

Herman led the scoring for Idaho with 10 points, followed by Barrett with eight and Wiks with seven. Captain Calkins and Hank Levoff were Oregon's hardest workers, but Idaho was not to be denied.

The game was the final Oregon-Idaho encounter of the season and gave the two teams an even break in the series. Idaho's victory pulled them out of the cellar, leaving the Washington's Huskies in that undesirable spot.

**Crowley Confers On Coaching Job**  
IOWA CITY, Iowa, Jan. 20. (UP.)—Jim Crowley, Michigan State football coach and one of the original "Four Horsemen" arrived today to confer with Dr. E. H. Lauer, director of athletics, regarding the Iowa coaching position.

Philadelphia has put its muscles on a part time basis. That should provide work for a few more antifuses.

## BOYS NEARLY MOB BABE AT YOUTH'S CLUB

NEW YORK, Jan. 20. (AP)—Habe Ruth wants the kids to "knuckle down" this year in baseball—or whatever sport they prefer—and show what they can do for themselves.

The Babe told upwards of 1,000 of them at the boy's club of New York last night that he expected them to "come through and show their appreciation for the opportunities they have been given."

Ruth delivered his message in a series of relay talks to boys ranging from seven to seventeen or over. Accompanied by his

trainer, Artie McGovern, Ruth was nearly mobbed by his youthful admirers.

His arrival at the clubhouse, at Tenth street and Avenue "A" on Manhattan's densely populated east side, was the signal for an outburst that aroused the whole neighborhood.

Message to Boys  
"I want to tell you boys that it's up to you to make the most of your opportunities," shouted the Babe from the platform of a hall jammed with more than 100 boys. "You fellows have chances that we didn't have when I was a boy. Learn all you can, whether it's in sports or some trade. After you have grown up and left this place, don't forget to come back and do your part toward carrying on this work."

Outside, after it was all over, three small boys wound up in a terrific argument. One claimed he had leaned on the Babe. Another said he had shaken hands with the great man. As a clincher, the third piped: "Well, he said to me, he said 'Get in there, kid, and sock 'em, will you?'"

But, of course, for the numerous things will be pretty dead.

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WHILE THE CLOSED DOOR TO THE SECRET ROOM INTRIGUES ANNIE BEYOND ALL HER POWERS OF RESISTANCE-

JUST LOOK AT ALL TH' JIGGERS AN' GADGETS AN' THINGS AN' BOTTLES AN' BOXES ALL AROUND- LOOKS SORTA LIKE A WORKSHOP, ONLY MORE MYSTERIOUS- WHEN I'D BETTER SCRAM 'FORE ANYBODY CATCHES ME PEEKIN'-

GEE- I WONDER WHAT CAN BE IN THAT ROOM- THE MAID SAID NOBODY BUT DOC, LENS EVER GOES IN THERE AND THE DOORS ALWAYS LOCKED-- ER- WHY, IT'S HOT LOCKED NOW-

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