

Pete Becker Ready to Meet Jackson

Ex-Coloradan Eager to Give Steamboat a Chance to Satisfy Ambition and to Aid Injured Pride.

By JOE PIGNEY

Pete Becker who cares nothing for retreat, raised his bridges Thursday night, and took up the verbal challenge voiced by a pride-suffering and ambitious Steamboat Jackson.



Becker has never seen Steamboat fight, and that's unfortunate. The old paddler-whoops who keeps on going and going, is one to make determined progress through rounds of boxing.

But Becker, working out daily in the Klamath Athletic club gymnasium, warily observed Jackson push around a pair of sparring partners, and concluded—without a doubt—that this was a difficult opponent for anyone.

Becker has become popular in Klamath Falls for exactly the same reasons as Steamboat. He wants to fight, he wants to wrestle, he never loafs, he respects his rivals, and is bent upon giving his spectators all they ask for.



Fighting and wrestling is both a game and a business to Becker. He goes at it from the point of view of sport, and from the point of view of profit. To make a success of both ends, he must put out the best he can, so he does, and in two victorious appearances here, a six-round boxing decision over Chief Thompson and a four 15-minute rounds of wrestling against Pat Reagan. Becker gave the legion hall fans what they asked for and more.

Becker is an extremely ethical athlete. He has absolutely no intention of deliberately making away with Steamboat's popularity, and since this ex-Coloradan is eager to meet all comers, and since Jackson is one of the comers, the fight is one as far as Becker and Steamboat are concerned.



That makes the promotion of "this natural" two-thirds complete. The other third in the deal is Herb Owen, promoter, and Herb probably will think the prospective fight an excellent "idea."

Snow and generally bad weather for athletic cards prompted Owen to drop his plans for the weekly program next Monday. There will be a continuation of action, however, the following Monday.

Although Owen has not yet announced his card for the next fight, he has dropped the hint of a bout between that grand little Filipino, Young Nationalista, and Young Doc Snell, Portland fighter who won the suit of clothes by his swift knockout win over Huddy Ambrose of Salem on Owen's first fight card in Klamath Falls.



If Owen has not yet completed the card, perhaps he can be convinced into turning it into a double-main event with Becker and Jackson fighting on one of the feature matches.

DR. NISSER WINS
FRESNO, Calif., Jan. 22, (U. P.)—Dr. Pete Visser, Fresno heavyweight, defeated Bill Thornton of Portland, two falls out of three, in their wrestling match here last night.

NORMAL TRIMS ALBANY
LA GRANDE, Ore., Jan. 22, (U. P.)—Led by Medcal and Baxter, forwards, each scoring 12 points, Eastern Oregon Normal school opened the college basketball season here last night, defeating Albany college 41 to 28.

Pelicans at Full Strength for Caveman Game

FRENCH'S MEN LOOK FOR WIN OVER RIVALS

The Pelican basketball team will start down the road to recovery Friday night in its game against Grants Pass at the high school gymnasium at 7:30. An assimilation of offensive and defensive combinations since the Medford loss last week has brought the Klamath quintet into its top form for the season.

For the first time this year Dwight French, head coach, will have his team at full strength. The addition of Woodrow Triplette, who probably will start at one guard position, brings in the best offensive man on the squad. Triplette, recovering from typhoid fever, was ineligible last semester, but became eligible today at the end of the school term.

The brilliant rise of competition from the reserve ranks has pushed the regulars into almost unprecedented activity. French, although favoring the combination defeating the powerful Bend Lava Bears in a two-game series in central Oregon, may yet call upon his heretofore second stringers to start the Caveman contest.

The Pelican team ended up its scrimmage work Thursday night against the Wildcats. The Wildcats, coached by Al Sinclair, have one of the fastest junior quintets in several seasons and have given the varsity a serious run in practice all week. The junior team will play Malin in the preliminary game tonight.

Past seasons have given Klamath an advantage over Grants Pass. While the Cavemen were heartlessly slaughtered by the big Medford team, the Pelicans managed to hold the Tigers to a comparatively close score. Grants Pass, however, came back to defeat the 1931 champions of the southern Oregon conference, Ashland, 17 to 15.

The Grants Pass game will have no bearing on Klamath's league standings this year. The old southern Oregon basketball conference was shattered in the fall when the state interscholastic athletic officers readjusted the playing districts, placing the Pelicans alongside central Oregon teams.

CHAMP WILL SAIL BACK TO GERMANY

NEW YORK, Jan. 22, (U. P.)—Max Schmeling, world's heavyweight champion, will sail for Germany tomorrow night aboard the liner Europa, his manager, Joe Jacobs, announced tonight. Jacobs said he had decided not to permit Schmeling to go on an extended exhibition or vaudeville tour in the United States while awaiting his Jack Sharkey title bout in June. He said he would take no chances on the champion's "burning himself up" in such exhibitions.

Max will return to the United States in March, according to present plans. He may go on a short exhibition tour in April or May, and then begin training for the June battle.

Jacobs made his announcement at office of the Madison Square Garden corporation tonight where he was conferring with Sharkey's managers, Johnny Buckley and Jack Conway, regarding the proposed bout. Jacobs said nothing definite has been decided yet about the fight, but that the conference would continue.

SCHAEFER LOSES TO LEN KENNEY

CHICAGO, Jan. 22, (U. P.)—Jake Schaefer, world's 18 1/2 Bantam champion, was defeated last night in the three-cushion billiards championship play by Len Kenney, northern champion 50-34 in 43 innings. Defeat of Schaefer was the outstanding upset in the championship play this far.

Otto Heiselt of Philadelphia, former champion, defeated Gus Westhus of St. Louis, southern titleholder, in the first game on the night program.

Jay N. Boseman, Vallejo, Calif., the youthful western champion, defeated Frank S. Scoville, Buffalo, eastern titleholder, in an upset.

Orange Five To Remain Same for Husky Contests

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 22, (U. P.)—Pleased with the combination of Orangemen he used so successfully against the University of Idaho last week, Coach "Stats" Gill plans to use the same five against the University of Washington in the first of a two-game series here tonight.

Coach Gill said he would start the following lineup tonight: Fagans and Merrill, forwards; Lewinsky, guards.

BRUSHING UP SPORTS - - - - By Laufer



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THE ATHLETICS WERE NOT SO HOT THAT DAY—AUG. 21-1923
THE PHILADELPHIA FIRST BASEMAN WHO DIDN'T MAKE AN ERROR, IS THE FATHER OF GERARDINE FARRAR, "FAMOUS OPERA STAR"

Levinsky's Sister-Manager Wins Applause for Ability

By RUTH COWAN
CHICAGO, Jan. 22, (U. P.)—"Levinsky's Sister" is swinging into action.

In a small office, busy with smoke, the only woman prize fight manager in the country electrified the atmosphere with orders as her camp made ready today to leave for New York where her brother, King Levinsky, will fight Max Baer January 29.

Mrs. Lena Levy, christened "Leaping Lena" by her ring associates, grabbed it, shouting a promoter, a trainer, several interested hangers-on out of her inner office.

"I'm expecting a long distance call from New York," she explained.

"Hello, hello. What's that? Fifteen round bout you say? No! No! she exploded. "The King hasn't trained for 15 rounds. Wait a minute—"

She paused as the King, 21-year-old happy hearted pugilist, who has met Carnera and other sport page big-names and last week defeated Paulino Uscudino, eased into the room.

Huge Betting Coup Costs Race Operators Thousands

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 21 (U. P.)—A huge betting coup perpetrated on the entry "Charm" in the first race at Jefferson park this afternoon reportedly cost handbook operators throughout the country hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"Charm," racing in the name of C. S. Stubbs, was held at odds of 1 to 2 until post time and paid \$19.60 for a \$2 ticket.

The "butlers" went into action at post time. At the barrier the price on the approximate odds board at the track showed Charm a 4 to 5 chance and as the field was sent on its way, the price was boosted to 7 to 2. The huge crowd at the track howled as \$19.60 was posted as the payoff on a \$2 mutual ticket.

"Charm" had shaped up as a logical favorite but was sidetracked by bettors because of low odds. A pool of \$15,875 was used to "build up" the odds of the Stubbs' seven-year-old bay mare. For comparison, the pool in the second race was but \$6,284.

Loud protesting from bookmakers throughout the country were coming over wires to service companies here.

It was recalled by racing patrons here that a few years ago a similar "killing" was made on "Charm" allegedly by Al Capone and his associates when the horse won a fair grounds race and paid off at better than 50 to 1.

MACMARR AND CUBS WIN CITY GAMES

MacMarr and the Klamath Cubs triumphed in a double header over Henley and Sons of Italy in City league games at the Mills school gymnasium Thursday night. MacMarr team over Henley 62 to 23, and the Cubs sank the Italians, 61 to 29.

After holding its opponent even in the first moments of the game Henley dropped behind, 20 to 11 at the half. Walter Wakeman led the MacMarr team with 16 points, and Ken Klear was high for Henley with 6.

The Cubs, going on a scoring spree, led at the rest period, 29 to 8. Clare Martin piled up high point honors for the winners with 26.

17 Nations In Winter Games For Olympics

LAKE PLACID, N. Y., Jan. 22, (U. P.)—Seventeen nations entered 354 athletes in the third winter Olympic games, to be held here February 4 to 13. Entries closed at midnight last night.

Countries entered are: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Norway, Poland, Rumania, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States.

The official events to be contested are speed skating, skiing, hockey, bobsleigh racing, and men's and women's figure skating.

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HELEN HICKS HELPS FATHER POLISH GAME

By EDWARD J. NEIL

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (U. P.)—A few years ago when Helen Hicks' father needed a golfing partner, he used to take the young lady along with him for company. Now she takes him out and charitably helps him polish up his game.

She was 12 then and didn't like golf. Now it dominates her life. She can tell you offhand how many strokes she took on any hole in any tournament during the last five years.

In Women's Champ Today she is the national women's golf champion, 29 years old, a stocky, powerful young lady with a booming laugh that has rung out over most of the great courses of the country. She is five feet six inches tall and weighs 140 pounds. If she could ever get away from her favorite confection, chocolate cake and milk, she believes she could reduce. She never has been able to.

Her game is orthodox, good form all around. She hits magnificent tee shots. Improvement in her approach game brought her into the championship class last year. Glenna Collett Vare, six times national champion, and her greatest rival, is one of her best friends. Maureen Orcutt is her jinx, can usually beat her just by tossing a putter on the nearest green.

Football Thrills Her Helen gets a big thrill out of college football, reads a great deal, likes to fly but doesn't want to learn how, plays basketball with her high school alumni teams and scores most of the points. She drives a big car fast but the motorcycle policemen on Long Island know her and wave her on.

She's a good trap shooter and swimmer and dotes on contract bridge and backgammon, dancing and sport clothes. She has 199 sweaters. She can't sing and isn't interested in music. She isn't engaged but has one favorite boy friend.

"Aw Nerfs" Expression After the golf bug hit her, she'd tell her high school principal she didn't feel well, get off for the afternoon, and play in tournaments. Next day the principal would see her name in the papers and congratulate her. She belongs to three golf clubs and likes to play the toughest, lido.

Her usual exclamation when she misses a shot is "aw nerfs." Then she laughs. Mistakes never bother her. Everyone but her mother and father call her "Billie." Her sister was called "Bill." Helen is the younger.

Borrowed Putter Wins When she gets restless at home on Long Island she gets a club and practices shots around the front lawn. Her father usually follows her. He tears holes in the lawn and swears. Helen never disturbs more than a blade of grass.

She borrowed a putter from a famous player last year and she believes it won the national championship for her. She was heartbroken when he asked for it back. But she never indicated how much she'd like to have kept it if he reads this he'll know for the first time.

BASKETBALL LAST NIGHT

By Associated Press
Multnomah club 36; Willamette university 37.
Columbia university 36; College of Puget Sound 26.
Idaho (southern branch) 35; Montana Mines 22.

DEMPESEY TO FIGHT IN CHICAGO SOON

CHICAGO, Jan. 22 (U. P.)—Jack Dempsey will make his first appearance in a Chicago ring February 18 for the first time since his famous 14-count battle with Gene Tunney four years ago.

The Mattias Mauler was signed today for a four round exhibition in the Chicago stadium with the probability that King Levinsky will be his opponent, provided the Kingdahl will accept the financial inducements. Levinsky, with recent victories over Tommy Loughran and Paulino Uscudino, is the man Dempsey wants to meet.

Dempsey, regarded as a ring 'ol in Chicago, figures to draw one of the biggest crowds that ever witnessed a boxing show in the stadium.

And, so far as known, Dave Barry will not be the referee. Barry was the man charged with giving Tunney the "long count" after Dempsey had knocked him down in his first comeback attempt following Tunney's victory in Philadelphia.

Weak Heart Is Blamed for Death

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 22, (U. P.)—Physicians said today that the death of George Bell, 29, in a prize fight here was due to a weak heart. The boy turned to boxing when unable to get a job, and was making his first appearance.

He was struck over the heart by Dick Howard. He fought half a minute then fell without being struck. Doctors said his heart contracted at the blow and failed to expand to normal size afterward.

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GRID REFORM SUGGESTED AT COLLEGE MEET

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 22, (U. P.)

Suggested reforms to make college football "just a game" instead of a business were submitted yesterday to the Association of American colleges at its annual convention here.

Dr. Thomas S. Gates, president of the University of Pennsylvania and chairman of the association's commission on college athletics, submitted the suggested reforms, which were embodied in his commission's report.

Recommendations Made Among the major recommendations were: Shortening of the college football schedule.

Employment of coaches of faculty caliber and paid in accordance with the existing faculty scale.

Actual control of the playing of games to revert to the students themselves.

"Natural Rivals" Elimination of all but "natural rivals" in intercollegiate sports, that is, teams of colleges and universities not too far distant, of schools of approximately the same size and of similar ranking in athletic and scholastic work, the goal to be an "aristocracy of amateur sportsmanship."

Subsidizing, recruiting and proselyting of athletes to be considered contrary to the amateur system.

MERRILL TEAM DEFEATED The boys basketball team of Mills school played the Merrill team this week, defeating the country boys 26 to 12. Melvin Kay, Mills teacher, coached the local team which is composed of Clifford Anderson, captain, Gordon Robins, Lewis Reeves, John Bowman, Jay Rive, Donald Reynolds, Charles McGilvary, Harvey Knight, Ronny Hamilton, Lawrence Andrews and John Carlson.

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