

Fight Promoters Busy

Effort Made to Revive Wobbling Profession. Max Schmeling Back in Picture With More Attractiveness Than Carnera. Mikulak's Team Possesses Outstanding Basketball Talent.

Promoters of pugilism, slumbering these many years, have harkened to the threat of oblivion hovering over the profession. They move today to keep the game among the top hats and stiff shirts instead of letting it slide back into the tank town days before the era of Tex Rickard.

There has been more activity among matchmakers this month than there was the whole last year. The heavy-weight pot is bubbling with some mark of enthusiasm and perhaps somewhere, somehow, the million dollar gate will be revived.

There are a few promising promotions to stir the heart of the boxing follower.

Primo Carnera, giant of the big feet and sullen countenance, has been matched to defend his title against veteran Tommy Loughran.

Max Schmeling, former champion from Germany, however, still is in the front line and what he does is vastly more interesting than the behemoth European, has outlined for himself a strenuous campaign which might carry him back to the title. He will meet Steve Hamas, former Penn State grid star, at Philadelphia, King Levinsky at Chicago, and Max Baer the Dandy at Los Angeles.

Any one of Schmeling's three fights promises more thrills and excitement than Carnera's coming scuffle with Loughran.

No one has been licking Tommy Loughran recently, and it is not impossible that he should wear the belt after engaging the Italian in Florida. But the fight has no real prospect of re-stimulating the flow of gold at the ticket office.

Here is what William Brauer, sporting editor for NEA service, says about this title match:

"Not since Jack Sharkey and Willie Stribling executed their terpsichorean extravaganza at Miami several years ago has there been such an opportunity for plain and fancy ring-side snoring as is offered by the Carnera-Loughran exercises scheduled for Feb. 23.

"Carnera and Loughran should do much to revive the sport of press row snoring. The Sharkey-Stribling affair saw the pastime reach its apex. It was a spirited contest among the scribes, the prize for non-stop snoring was finally being awarded to the late Bill McGeehan who managed to remain asleep even through the preliminaries.

"Carnera versus Loughran seems to be the crowning mismatch, a statement I hope is not too presumptuous in the light of past performances. You will have the picture of the venerable Tommy, still fairly fleet of foot, evading the fierce rushes of Primo. Loughran can be expected to provide a scientific exhibition if he doesn't catch one on the lug, and even if the Philly Phantom does poke his beak into one of the monster's punches, it will prove just exactly nothing."

Don't doubt the ability of Mike Mikulak's basketball team. Every member of this basketball combination selected from football talent, has had experience on the court.

Johnny Kitzmiller, for example, could have easily made the University of Oregon varsity in his undergraduate days. Kitz was a star in his prep school competition in Pennsylvania, and he was a member of the Webfoot freshman team.

Billy Reinhart, Oregon's head coach, looked to Kitz to bring new life to the slumping Webfoots. Only had luck for two seasons in a row kept this all-American off the first team.

In 1929, the year Captain John J. McEwan pushed the Webfoots up to more football victories than they had seen in years, Kitz fractured his ankle in the Oregon State game at Eugene. It never strengthened sufficiently for him to report for basketball. The following year Johnny injured the same ankle and that kept him off the court.

Kitz was an all-around athlete but he concentrated only on football at college. His record from the east describes him as a sprinter and a talented baseball player as well as a basketball star.



ROSS DEFEATS FARGO EXPRESS

Billy Petrolle Resolves to Quit Fighting After Loss.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (AP)—Once more Uncle Will Petrolle, a sturdy up-standing citizen, was back in the ranks of the team-fighter, with a former prize fighter, with nothing to worry about except a bit of bond clipping now and then and that cigar store he owns in Duluth.

The old fellow folded his dun-colored Indian blanket and packed it away for the last time, ready to accept as final the ten-round beating Barney Ross, of Chicago, lightweight champion, gave him in the Bronx coliseum last night.

No More Fighting. "I'm going to send this to the laundry now," he said, which was absolute proof that he never intends to fight again.

A dozen years ago, back in Fargo, and, Petrolle started a ring career that never quite carried him to championship heights but did bring him into conflict with the greatest lightweights of this decade, as well as into possession of a lot of currency which he still has, in contrast to most ex-prize fighters.

He got his blanket from some Indian chief almost at the start of his campaign, he never would enter a ring without it, and he never would have it washed for fear the soap would take out all the luck, as well as the weird colors. Now he admits that his need for the blanket is gone.

Ross Brilliant. "Tell them I'm through," he said as he shuffled down the ring steps in the big barn in the Bronx last night, thoroughly beaten by the brilliant little Ross.

"I can't fight any more, so I'm not going to try." Against eager, dazzling Ross, he was really an old man, lost in the brilliance of a youngster who ranks with the best his division ever has produced, a floundering veteran with the signs of age on his puffed and the speed departed from his legs.

He had only his inexhaustible courage, and that was far from enough against the master boxer, a sharp, thudding hitter with either hand. In only one round, the ninth, when Barney obviously was coasting, was Petrolle able to work his way laboriously to close quarters and gain the upper hand. Barney beat him once before in Chicago.

Verdict Unanimous. Every other round, and the unanimous decision of the judges, the referee and the 12,043 of the faithful who journeyed far into the fastness of the Bronx for the battle, went to Ross.

Ross shook the veteran badly at times, but never could floor him or bring him close to the knockout stage. His jab, though, raised two large welts under Billy's eyes. The fact that Uncle Will was in the last mile was correctly guessed by the betters, who made Barney a 3 to 1 favorite, despite Petrolle's weight advantage. Billy weighed 141 1/2, Ross 136 1/2.

New York hasn't seen such a turnout in several years. Five minutes after the show started every bit of space in the uptown barn was filled and at least 6,000 struggled with mounted police outside to get at ticket windows already closed.

After expenses and the fighters are paid, the net profits on the \$36,533 receipts will be turned over to a Christmas fund charity.

Officials of Madison Square Garden, in the heart of the fight district downtown, gazed in awe at the assemblage. Garden fight shows recently have been drawing an average of about \$8,000 each.

Karasick Wins at Pendleton

PENDLETON, Jan. 25. (AP)—Al Karasick, 192 pounds, of Portland, defeated Jack Kogut, 203, of Toronto, in a main event wrestling exhibition here last night.

A Pair of Elephants



Len Yandle, left, and Odd Hughes, right, will be in the lineup for the Southern Oregon Elephants here Friday and Saturday night when they tackle the Multnomah club of Portland on the high school floor. Yandle is leading scorer for Howard Hobson's team.

KLAMATH MAY LOSE CENTER

Coach French Reports Miller Handicapped by Injury.

Some doubt hovered today in the mind of Dwight French, Klamath high school basketball coach, whether Darrell Miller, first string center, would be able to enter the Ashland series opening in the valley Friday night and transferring to Klamath Falls on Saturday.

Miller, handicapped with a bruised heel for several weeks, injured his ankle in practice early this week. Although the sprain was not a severe one, it was sufficient to keep him out of scrimmage work in preparation for the Grizzly contest.

Beavers Come Back to Win From Idaho Vandals, 32-23

MOSCOW, Idaho, Jan. 25. (AP)—Oregon State's Beavers, with a 32-23 victory over Idaho here last night, were in a tie with Oregon for second place in the northern division Pacific coast conference hoop race today. The Vandals and Washington State kept each other company in the cellar.

After dropping Tuesday night's tussle 21-25, the Beavers got revenge last night by putting on the pressure for a last period win, George Hibbard, forward, dropping in five shots from the floor and a trio of free tosses for 13 of his team's counters. The Vandals led at the half 13-12.

After a week of idleness, the club defeated Linfield College 40 to 23 in a rule test game.

Multnomah Five Beats Linfield in Fast Battle

PORTLAND, Jan. 25. (AP)—Spectators witnessed an unusually fast basketball game here last night when Multnomah Athletic

COACHES NAME HOOP LINEUPS

Elephants, Club Muster Combinations For Series Here.

Coaches of the Southern Oregon Elephants and Multnomah club Thursday announced starting lineups for the first game of their series in Klamath Falls Friday night. The two visiting teams were ready to send their strongest combinations into the battle to resume a rivalry traditional in the northwest.

The Winged "M" outfit from Portland holds the edge over Howard Hobson's Elephants from Ashland this year and has captured three games in a row. The club was successful in reversing the outcome of the series last year when the Ashland athletes took three out of four.

Settle Dispute. The games here Friday and Saturday will definitely settle the dispute carried over from last season.

Billy Keenan, a little piece of basketball dynamite who terrorized the northern division of the coast conference while he was a member of Billy Reinhart's Oregon Webfoots, will head the Multnomah offense. He will be supported by King Bailey at the other forward; Jim Wiechmann at center, and Ray Smith and Dick Applegate at guards.

Yandle vs. Keenan. Yandle, star of the Elephants' victory over Waldport here two weeks ago, probably will be assigned to the task of stopping Keenan. While an outstanding defensive man, Yandle has been able to lead his team in scoring, too.

The first game Friday has been scheduled for 8:00 o'clock at the Klamath high school gymnasium. On Saturday the Multnomah-Southern Oregon clash will start at 9:00 o'clock following a preliminary between Ashland and Klamath high schools.

Malin Townies Crush Dorris Alumni Squad

The Malin Townies defeated the Dorris Alumni at Malin 73 to 34. Scores at half time was 44 to 16. LaClair and Parks were outstanding stars of the evening. Marshall was the outstanding player for Dorris.

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Indian!



Cherokee Frank Clemens, full-blooded Indian, will make his debut in Klamath Falls Friday night in a 45-minute match against Billy Newman of Denver and Seattle. The Indian comes here with a bright reputation for mat ability.

Every family should dedicate at least one son to aviation.—Gen. Giuseppe Valle, Italy's undersecretary of air.

WOLFE SEEKS LEGION CROWN

Texas Wrestler Aspires to Honors Vacated by DeVora.

The Klamath county wrestling title vacated by Dr. Nap DeVora will be offered to the winner of the Leslie Wolfe-Rocky Brooks main event at the Legion hall Friday. DeVora, holding title undefeated honors here along with Al Karasick of Portland, left this week for Tulsa, Okla.

Wolfe was a first line favorite today to ascend to a position of superiority. His ability was demonstrated last week in a fast draw with DeVora and a few weeks ago he wrosted Karasick almost to a standstill.

Re-match Looms. If Wolfe can down the rough athlete from Victoria, B. C., it is possible Mack Lillard, promoter, will offer him another opportunity to test his strength against the perpetually successful Russian Lion.

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Brooks Rough. Brooks, perhaps, is the roughest matman to appear on a Mack Lillard program. Wolfe's supporters, however, were confident their man could match his tactics.

Two preliminaries will enliven the card. Billy Newman, who rivals even Brooks in roughness, will return to the Legion hall to move against Frank Clemens in a 45-minute encounter. Clemens, making his first appearance, is a Cherokee Indian who comes highly recommended by both promoters and athletes.

Sailor Franz, tattooed seaman from San Diego, will tackle Heine Olson of Portland in the preliminary. This bout, scheduled for a half-hour or until the first fall, promises a full quota of wild skirmishing.

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