

Heavyweight Crop at Low Mark

Absence of Challengers Noted With Rise of Max Baer to Championship. Californian's Color and Ability May Revive Interest in Pugilism. Search Started for New Material.

The traditional working premise of boxing given the titleholder full benefit over any doubts and describes him as a fighting champion. Assuming that this still is effective and Max Baer, who has now established himself as a capable holder of the crown, will fight off challengers probably once or twice each year, promoters are now busily engaged in the empty task of searching the country for heavyweight contenders.

It is a job as trying as digging for gold. Weeks may slip by without a sign of success and then suddenly comes a "strike."

It might be advisable now for any fortune-seeking citizen to investigate the residents of lumber camps, mining communities, sheep camps, the waterfront and all occupations where physical excellence is a first requirement among laborers.

There he might discover a young man big enough and strong enough and with some natural pugilistic talents to oppose the new champion.

This process of finding a suitable challenger appears quite necessary for the sake of the heavyweight fighters have hit a gloomy low.

Primo Carnera, of course, wants a re-match. But no one is convinced the Italian deserves it after the thorough beating in New York Thursday night.

King Levinsky is faltering. Art Lasky, the man who defeated the Kingfish in Los Angeles, might do, but his name and ability are practically unknown.

Max Schmeling has slipped badly since he lost the title. He has defeated again in a match in Spain last April.

Tommy Loughran, clever as he is, certainly isn't the man to stand up under the blistering attack of Max Baer.

Bob Neussel, the German heavyweight, has shown considerable promise but still is far from the contender class.

Steve Hamas of Philadelphia, the young collegian who defeated Max Schmeling, is a fairly good prospect. He has had no major fights since trimming the ex-champion but he does possess considerable power and color.

This almost hopeless absence of real heavyweight material has been typical of the fight game since Jack Dempsey lost to Gene Tunney and Tunney retired undefeated.

The loss of these big fellows left a tremendous hole in the fight business. The lack of interest and the absence of fighting candidates has been felt through every division.

So now with as capable a title holder since Jack Dempsey holding down the top ranks, there are no opponents for him.

The importance of material is only slightly more important than the promoter. The business of promoting heavyweight spectacles developed with Tex Rickard and then fell away with his death.

Perhaps this will be Jack Dempsey's job as soon as he can get Baer completely under his guidance. Baer is under contract for one more fight with the Madison Square Garden authorities. Dempsey and Anell Hoffman, the champion's manager, hope to get this fight out of the way by next September.

The strength of the challenger isn't quite such a difficult thing if the promotion is handled properly. Rickard built up some of the largest receipts in the history of the game without a real challenger. Georges Carpentier was not in Jack Dempsey's class, but the good citizens flocked to that little bout by the thousands.

Carpentier was colorful and fitted well into the publicity scheme. Dempsey probably could have knocked him out as easily in the first round as he did in the fourth.

Tommy Gibbons wasn't good enough for Jack Dempsey but that was a fight without a real country edge. It was fought up in Shelby, Montana.

There were other Dempsey fights in which the challenger was not of high calibre, yet simply through the promotional ability of Tex Rickard they were turned into exciting struggles.

No one was particularly interested in fighting until after the Baer-Carnera bout because there were no fighters. Now Baer has proved himself a battler if he wants to be one.

It may mean the revival of the boxing game. If it does, big young fellows all over the country are going to set out ambitiously toward the top. There may be another Firpo or a Tunney among them or, at the best, a Jack Dempsey.



BOXING

KLAMATH TEAMS BATTLE SUNDAY

Shaw-Bertram, Ewauna Red Sox Meet for Third Successive Time.

Southern Oregon Standings: W. L. PCT. Grants Pass 5 2 .714 Medford 4 2 .667 Ewauna 3 4 .429 Shaw Bertram 2 5 .286

Ken Williams' Grants Pass Merchants entertain the Medford Rogues Sunday for the second successive week in a game which will determine whether the Merchants pull away to a full two game Southern Oregon League lead or fall into another tie with the Rogues for the top spot.

The crucial game, originally scheduled for Medford, has been shifted to Grants Pass due to the Jubilee platform at the Jackson county fairgrounds which will not be torn down in time for the game.

At Klamath Falls, Shaw Bertram will resume their inter-city series with Ewauna with the latter holding two wins to their credit. The game will be played at Modoc field. By winning from Shaw Bertram for the third time, Ewauna can go into a second place tie with Medford in case the Rogues drop another to Grants Pass.

Against Grants Pass, Manager Haight of the Medford club will start either Jack Hughes or Cliff McLean on the pitching rubber. If Hughes throws, McLean will be behind the bat and if the latter pitches, either Dean Joy or Charley Orr, former University of Oregon star, will catch.

Ken Williams, who broke up the game last Sunday with his ninth inning pinch single, will start Nelson on the mound against the Rogues with Al Drapelette, league leading hitter, behind the plate.

Carlstrom to Pitch Clyde Carlstrom will do the hurling for Ewauna with Blanas wearing the mask while Stanisha will pitch for Shaw Bertram and Corsetto catch.

A fair attendance marked the battle at Klamath Falls, though not by several hundred the figure that city should turn out. With the largest population in the circuit to draw from, Klamath Falls is a poor last in pulling power.

With but one possible exception, the Southern Oregon league is probably the fastest in the state at the present time, exception being the State league.

Each team composed mainly of young, hustling players who are really fighting every minute of the game and who have more thrilling plays in their system than any old timer who ever lived.

A lot of the young players in the Southern Oregon League are really plenty hot and will, doubtless, be heard from in the future. Some of them are: Wakeman, Shaw Bertram first sacker; McLean, Medford pitcher and catcher; Orie Grant, Pass shortstop; Putnam, Ewauna outfielder from Pacific university; Nelson, Grants Pass pitcher; Stanisha and Carlstrom, Shaw Bertram and Ewauna pitchers respectively; Blanas, Ewauna catcher and Haley, Ewauna infielder. And, not to forget Dean Joy, the fiery, red headed Medford catcher and outfielder.

Representatives from each league team held a meeting at Ashland Wednesday night and decided to lengthen the schedule three games, making the circuit come to an end on August 5. Following are the added games: July 22, Grants Pass at Medford; Shaw Bertram at Ewauna; July 29, Medford at Ewauna; Shaw Bertram at Grants Pass; August 5, Ewauna at Grants Pass; Shaw Bertram at Medford.

It was also decided at the meeting that the two Klamath Falls teams post a \$35 guarantee to Medford and Grants Pass when the latter two play in Klamath Falls and that the latter two post the same when Shaw Bertram and Ewauna play away from home and with the choice that if the regular visiting team cut, which is 40 per cent of the gate, exceeds \$35 that the visiting team may take the 40 per cent.

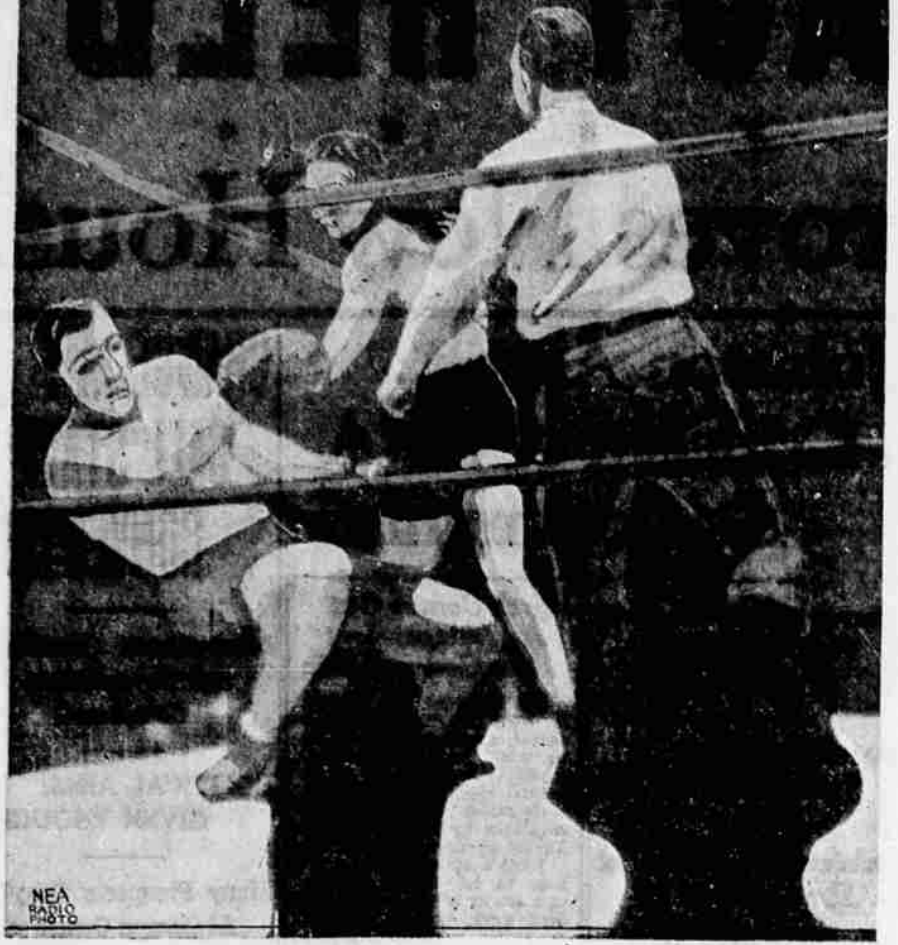
Bend Announces Annual July 4 Celebrations

BEND, Ore., June 15. (Special) Encouraged by the success of last year's celebration, when 10,000 persons were present for one event, residents of Bend on July 3 and 4 are to sponsor an all-Oregon observance of Independence day, with events ranging from a water fête to elaborate fireworks planned. The water carnival will be on Bend's scenic mirror pond again this year, but it will be presented on a scale that will dwarf that of 1933. B. A. Stover, general chairman of the celebration committee, announces, Gaining from experience of last

Sporting News

BASEBALL HUNTING COLF FOOTBALL FISHING WRESTLING

When Heavy Title Returned to U. S.



Here is the beginning of the end of foreign occupation of the world's heavyweight championship throne—the first knockdown of Primo Carnera by Max Baer. Picture, transmitted by radio photo from New York City to San Francisco, shows the gigantic Italian crashing toward the floor for a count of four, after a terrific right found his chin. Referee Donovan is rushing in to start the count.

year, the floats, depicting, for instance, Paul Bunyan and his blue ox, historical events and mythological conceptions, are to carry their own illumination, rather than depending on lights projected from shore batteries. These floats will drift lazily down the scenic mirror pond, carefully guided to a rendezvous around a turn in the river.

To accommodate the thousands expected for this single event, grandstands are to be erected on the banks of the Deschutes, in picturesque Drake park. This year's rodeo and frontier show will also be on a scale much larger than that of last year and in preparation for the riders the Van Matre arena, just west of bend, is being altered and new corrals are being constructed. Dr. Roy Reynolds, head of the rodeo committee, has secured for the Fourth of July performance the best riders available in Central Oregon.

Band concerts, a wrestling bout, a fight card, baseball games and tennis matches, are among the many events lined up for the two-day celebration.

Angel Hurler Beats Record Set by Star By The Associated Press Fay Thomas has at last surpassed the 19-game consecutive game pitching record set by Frank Shellenback of Hollywood in 1930-31.

The husky Los Angeles right-hander hurled his 13th 1934 victory Friday night to add to the seven he marked up at the tail end of the 1933 season. Thomas stopped the Oaks Friday night 9-1 with five hits as his mates pounded Lou McEvoy and Mike Salonen for 16, including a triple and two singles by outfielder Elmer Gudat.

The Missions walloped Seattle 9-4 to stay 15½ games behind the leaders. Al Wright, Red second sacker, and Babe Dahlgren, who looks after first base, accounted for seven of the Mission runs. Dahlgren, slugging a triple with the bases loaded and sending home another with a long fly, Wright drove in the three with three singles. Mike Hunt hit a pair of doubles and a single for Seattle.

A second inning home run by Clabaugh with Cox on base started Portland to a 6-1 win over Hollywood, after the Beavers had been handed a 7-6 trimming in the opener. Maltsberger, a newcomer to the Portland lineup, held the Stars to three singles in the nightcap. Sacramento increased its series lead to 3-1 by turning back San Francisco 4-2 behind Paul Gregory's seven hit hurling.

WIMBLEDON, Eng., June 16. (AP)—A pair of singles victories by Helen Jacobs of Berkeley, Cal., and Sarah Palfrey of Brookline, Mass., today gave the United States the Wightman tennis cup for the fourth straight year and the eighth time since the international competition with England was inaugurated in 1923.

Blue Sox Meet Sprague River The Ewauna Blue Sox, second team representative of the box factory, will swing into action Sunday against the Sprague River outfit.

The contest will be played on the Ewauna diamond at 2:30 o'clock.

ROYAL ARCH MASON Special Meeting Sat., June 16 7:30 P. M.

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THYE, KRUSE WIN MATCHES

Chief Little Wolfe Goes Down to Defeat in Feature Event

Chief Little Wolf, lacking in the ring experience of his veteran opponent, lost a main event encounter to Ted Thye of Portland at the Legion hall last night. Thye, convincingly faking collapse as he was rushed around the ring and tossed through the ropes, suddenly turned defeat into victory to capture the third and deciding fall.

Body Press Wins Standing outside the ropes, the Portlander delivered one of his short but powerful shoulder butts as the Navajo from Denver charged in expecting to drag his rival into the ring for the last fall.

The force of the blow sent the Indian to the canvas. Thye was upon him in a moment to win the match with a body press.

The Portlander won the first fall after 29 minutes and 32 seconds of wrestling with a body press. It came after a series of shoulder butts that hurled the Navajo out of the arena onto the floor before the ringside seats. Wolfe returned to the canvas groggy and soon lost the fall.

Thye, Referee Clash Within four minutes after the rest period, Wolf had Thye helpless in an Indian deadlock. Thye struggled several minutes to free himself before Referee Ray Frisbie counted off the fall in favor of Wolf.

The match was rough and featured by arguments between Thye and Frisbie. At one time the official and the wrestler threatened to start their own wrestling match.

Bob Kruse of Oswego won the first one-hour match by default when Louie Miller of Reno was unable to return after losing the first fall. Kruse took this in 29 minutes and 49 seconds with a Boston crab hold. The Nevada's leg was injured and failed to strengthen in an additional five-minute rest period.

This, too, was a tough encounter while it lasted. Miller lost despite the prompting from Louie Polin, Klamath Falls merchant, who seconded him.

A large crowd saw the matches. We people, you and I, can't play. We don't know how. Society people are the only ones that do.—Mary Pickford.

Giants Hold Lead Despite Loss to Reds By HUGH S. FULLERTON, JR. Associated Press Writer

The "luck" of the Giants, seems to be working again. They provided an example Friday when they dropped a game to Cincinnati 2 to 1 despite a five-hit hurling job by big Fred Fitzsimmons.

But while New York lost, they were lucky in that all the other first division clubs, lost also. The second-place Cardinals succumbed to Boston's 19-hit assault on four pitchers by a 10 to 4 count. The Phillies conquered Chicago's Cubs 4 to 3 in ten innings after Adolph Camilli, traded by Chicago Monday, clouted a ninth inning homer with one on to tie the score. Completing the rout, the Brooklyn Dodgers turned back the fourth-place Pittsburgh Pirates, 6 to 4.

In the American League the procedure was exactly reversed, the four first-division clubs defeating lower ranking rivals.

Manager Joe McCarthy of the Yankees reached into his pitching grab-bag and pulled forth Danny MacFadden, who hadn't won a game since April. Danny hurled a five-hit game to beat the Browns 6 to 3 and enable the Yanks to hold their margin over the Tigers.

Detroit slammed out an 11 to 4 decision over the Boston Red Sox. Cleveland's third place Indians beat the Athletics 12 to 6, and Washington took an 8 to 7 decision over Chicago.

Altamont Plays Chiloquin Team The Altamont baseball team, after a series of successful stands on its home field, invades Chiloquin Sunday.

The Chiloquin-Altamont game will start at 2:00 o'clock.

ROYAL ARCH MASON Special Meeting Sat., June 16 7:30 P. M.

Baer's Fight Held Perfect By Gene Tunney

Written for The Associated Press NEW YORK, June 16. (AP)—Max Baer fought exactly the type of fight calculated to whip Primo Carnera and he demonstrated conclusively what I have felt and said right along—that the Italian has a vulnerable chin and extremely limited fighting equipment.

After Carnera's bout with Tommy Loughran, I said Primo would be a mark for a man who could show anything like an effective punch. The Italian himself cannot hit and he is bewildered as soon as his defense starts to break down. His confidence was shattered in the first minute of Thursday night's fight and it was simply a question of how long it would last. At the finish he was obviously ready to quit and did so.

I was not surprised Baer failed to finish Carnera in either of the first two rounds. The big fellow has amazing stamina and showed he is really game under fire, although he used very bad judgment in not taking longer counts when he was down three times in the first round. A fighter is entitled to all the count he can get under such circumstances and it was ruinous for Primo to leap up at once and stumble into another succession of hard blows.

I would say on the whole that Baer fought a perfect fight, showing rare confidence at all times and proving himself a terrific hitter. He did not waste time and energy trying to box Carnera.

Legion Juniors Establish High Hitting Marks The Klamath Falls American Legion Juniors, all set to meet the Alturas Juniors at the Fairgrounds Sunday afternoon, have established strong batting records in games this season.

The averages released Saturday by Coach Ward are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Player Name, AB, PCT. Schooler, c 7 5 .715 Huff, if 8 5 .625 Young, ss 20 11 .550 Short, cf 9 5 .556 Green, 2b 10 10 .500 Reginaldo, if 4 2 .500 Crapo, c 24 11 .458 Weber, cf 18 8 .444 Howie, lb 19 8 .421 Huff, rf 11 4 .363 Fensler, p 9 3 .333 E. Reber, Ut 15 5 .333 Atkins, 3b 16 6 .375 C. Reber, p 16 5 .312 Smith, p 13 4 .307

"Knuckle Dusters" Charged in Italy ROME, June 16. (UP)—Add excuse for Carnera's defeat: Max Baer wore "knuckle-dusters," concealed in his glove. This rumor was circulated today, picked up by an unidentified radio station. The broadcaster added the plot had been exposed. Baer was under arrest.

ALTURAS TEAMS TO INVAD CITY

Pelicans Meet Townies in Main Game At Fairgrounds.

The Alturas Townies, claimants of the northern California independent baseball title, invade Klamath Falls, Sunday afternoon in high hopes of avenging an early season defeat administered by the Klamath Pelicans.

The game will be played on the Fairgrounds diamond. It will be preceded by a preliminary contest between the Klamath Falls and Alturas American Legion junior teams.

The first game will start at 1:30 o'clock. The Pelicans, now rapidly rounding into mid-season form, defeated Alturas several weeks ago, 12 to 7. Since that time the Klamath outfit has improved its lineup and a second victory over the Californians is expected Sunday.

Clarence Murphy, absent for several weeks because of illness, will return to the Pelican lineup. He is scheduled to start the game from the mound. Eubanks, steady and dependable behind the plate, will catch.

Roseburg probably will start as the Alturas pitcher. Sloss will catch.

The Alturas team has a strong combination of hitters. At the last meeting with the Pelicans, Alturas, despite its loss, out-hit the Klamath Falls team.

Alturas lineup: Crowder, right field; Brelow, shortstop; Cotiglio, left field; Roseburg, pitcher; Dawous, center field; Sloss, catcher; Betts, third base; Dodge, first base; Blurloem, second base.

Pelican lineup: Molatore, right field; Christian, left field; Grainger, third base; Harshberger, shortstop; Floette, Harer, field; Reiberg, second base; Peterson, first base; Eubanks, catcher; Murphy, pitcher.

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