

From Midfield

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Ever-Popular Dempsey Here Saturday

It's a moot and much discussed question as to whether Jack Dempsey at his best or Joe Louis in his pre-war prime is the greatest heavyweight ever to step into a squared circle, a question likely to be banded about as long as boxing draws crowds but not likely to ever be answered to anyone's satisfaction. Some oddsters will tell you that, in a hypothetical fight with both battlers at their best, Dempsey could have absorbed all the punishment Louis could give him without working up a sweat and sooner or later tag the Brown Bomber for the count. Others will swear that Joe would dispose of the Manassa Mauler just as speedily as he did Max Schmeling in their second meeting.



Already decided, however, is the most popular champion ever to draw on a glove, Dempsey by a mile. He and his squared circle exploits have become an American legend and Dempsey's broad, battered face is just about as familiar and idolized a picture to kids today as it was to their dads a score of years ago.

Dempsey somehow has the knack of staying in the limelight and staying in it favorably. Contrast that with Gene Tunney who loses more points every time he makes a statement to the press. Tunney's recently presented opinion that the coming Louis-Conn title bout would be the Waterloo of heavyweight boxing was one scintillating instance of Gene's talking when he should have been keeping his educated mouth shut.

In fact, if everyone is interested in coralling the snappiest wisecrack of the current sports year, this corner will offer Conn's "... Tunney thinks the war was won doing pushups."

That all gets us down to the bit of information that Jack Dempsey will be in Klamath Falls for one and all to see this coming Saturday night. He's slated to referee a smoker at the Marine Barracks gym and was obtained for the event by the Victory Bond drive's special events committee.

Four three-round fights are scheduled but the matches are as yet unannounced. Two of the battles will be between marine boxers and the other pair between civilian ringsters. Jack Dempsey in the middle and the show gets underway at 8 p. m.

The last time the Manassa Mauler was in Klamath Falls, some 10 or 12 years ago, he tried his hand at fishing, going with a party out to Sunnybrook, which was owned at the time by Harry Poole, late husband of Mrs. Rose Poole.

As it happened, the party was very successful, pulled in a nice batch of fish, and Jack, a notoriously poor angler, even caught a couple himself. He borrowed an apron from Mrs. Poole and personally presided over the frying pan.

Later on Jack called his wife—Estelle Taylor of the movies—and bragged to her of his prowess with the rod and reel. She refused to believe Dempsey had honestly caught a fish himself and accused Poole of having previously staked out the fish Jack caught.

Welch Optimistic After OSC Defeat

SEATTLE, Nov. 14 (AP)—Loss of last week's game to Oregon State isn't going to make Coach Pest Welch change his Husky starting lineup he said last night.

When the University of Washington squad squares off with the University of Idaho this Saturday, "I am certain the boys will buckle down to work for the game, now that they have been shocked out of any feeling of false security," the coach asserted.

The old Spanish trail is a highway 2743 miles long that extends from St. Augustine, Fla., to San Diego, Cal.

Civilian Planes Will Be Licensed

SALEM, Nov. 14 (AP)—Civilian planes will be licensed by the state department beginning January 1, for the first time since 1941. Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., said today. The state licenses only those planes which are not licensed by the federal government. The fee is \$10 a year.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 14 (AP)—The gate-watch at the Swan Island navy receiving center has a new pass word. It's a big raw meat bone, preferably with some choice red meat still in evidence.

Five big jungle-veteran K-9 corps dogs back from the Pacific make short work of the bones—as they did several Jap snipers.

Speedboaters Trekking To Salton Sea

INDIO, Calif., Nov. 14 (AP)—Speedboat racers from throughout the nation are pitching camp on the shores of nearby Salton sea in preparation for attempts to break existing inboard and outboard speed records in time trials November 17, 18 and 19.

Among arrivals is Arthur L. Bobrick, chairman of the American Power Boat association which is officially sponsoring the event. Otto Crocker, expert speedboat timer, has begun setting up his elaborate electrical equipment which clocks boats to a 100th of a second.

The event is being held for entertainment of the armed forces at the navy's desert training center.

Blood On Ice In Wild Night For Puck Fans

There was blood on the ice last night at Vancouver, B. C., as the New Westminster Royals dished out the third loss of the season to the Vancouver Canucks with a score of 4-1.

While this northern division melee was thrilling the fans, some 3000 customers watched the southern division Oakland Oaks skate off with a 6 to 3 victory over the Los Angeles Monarchs.

In Vancouver, the Royals mixed sticks and flaps and flying pucks as they trounced the Canucks for the second time. Vancouver started off with first scoring when Andy Clovechuk lobbed in a goal near the end of the first period, and held the lead until the start of the final stanza.

In the south, at Oakland, the Monarchs scored first with a 15-foot shot five minutes after the opening whistle, but in the last three minutes of the first period the Oaks whipped in three goals to gain a lead they never surrendered.

In the second and third periods the Oaks piled up three more scores for their final victory.

George II Arrives At Portland Zoo

PORTLAND, Nov. 14 (AP)—George II, rainbow-hued baboon worth \$350, scowled from behind the bars in his Portland zoo cage today after his arrival from Chicago Zoological park.

The zoo's most valuable attraction, the blue-faced mandrill may live to be 35 with proper food and care. Zookeeper Arthur M. Greenhall reported. He warned visitors not to throw anything in the animal's cage. Several ailments, including stomach ulcers, were fatal to the first George five years ago.

WAR HOUSING

PORTLAND, Nov. 14 (AP)—Nine war housing projects here have paid \$353,656 in lieu of taxes for the 1945-46 fiscal year, Portland housing authority announced today.

Buck Davidson, Porter Signed To Fight Opener

Buck Davidson and Tex Porter in the curtain-raiser rounds out the grapple card for this coming Friday night. Porter hasn't appeared on the local canvas for a good many weeks but Davidson has stuck around fairly consistently since hunting season opened, dividing his time between the mat and his shot-guns.

The Texan is a rough character, thoroughly disliked by one and all, so ex-marine Buck will probably have the crowd all his way during the encounter.

Porter has refereed here occasionally but his antics as third man in the ring generally leave the feeling that he'd better stick to muscling rather than go in for brainwork.

The other two bouts, as announced yesterday, will pit Angelo Martinelli against the Man with the Veil and Ernie Piluso against Bulldog Jackson.

Martinelli, the good-looking youngster from Ohio, is something of a Johnnie-come-lately to the northwest circuit although having appeared on several cards in the past few months.

The perennial Grey Mask, still unmasked and still claiming he is definitely not known as Cyclone Mackey in other parts, has been gracing the loop for a long, long time.

War Wounds Finish Grid Star's Career

LANSING, Mich., Nov. 14 (AP)—Michigan State college's hopes of finishing the football season without another defeat were dealt a severe blow today with the announcement that Walt Vezmar, 240-pound tackle and the strongest man in the MSC line, would be lost to the team for the rest of the season and possibly will have to give up football for good.

Vezmar, an army veteran, said his doctor ordered him to give up football because a bump he received in State's 27-7 trouncing last week by Great Lakes had aggravated a head wound he suffered while fighting with the rangers at Anzio. The wound caused periods of amnesia, Vezmar said.

The United States devoted almost one-fourth of its national product to the manufacture of combat armaments in 1944.

Following a wave of hats for Victory comes a wave of hard work for Peace.

RAVE NOTES FOR PENN TACKLE

NEW YORK, Nov. 14 (AP)—Huge George Savitsky, University of Pennsylvania tackle, has earned recognition as the outstanding football lineman of the week.

The 225-pound tackle, who gets a crack at Army's famed forward wall on Saturday, easily won The Associated Press poll for his teeth-jarring performance in Penn's 32-7 defeat of Columbia on Franklin field in Philadelphia last week.

Newspapermen, coaches and players joined in praising the work of Savitsky, who set up Penn's first three touchdowns by blocking one punt and recovering two fumbles. He was such a nuisance to the Lions that Columbia coach, Lou Little, asserted "he was an All-American against us if I ever saw one."

George Munger, Penn coach, chimed in with "there hasn't

been any tackle as good on Franklin field this year." Sid Feder, who covered the game for The Associated Press, said Savitsky's performance of grabbing everything in sight reminded him of the manner in which the Cardinals' great shortstop, Marty Marion, gobbles up grounders in baseball.

Of the other linemen singled out for acclaim, Rodney Gliske, of Washington State, turned in

the most unusual feat. On one play he threw such a strong block on two Oregon players that both Oregon men were blocked out.

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