

Snapp-Volk Ducats May Be Sold Here

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C. W. Hutchinson, matchmaker for the National Boxing club in Portland, was due in town today to make some arrangements for a sale of tickets here for the Jack Snapp-Bobby Volk 15-round fight coming off in Portland January 1.

The fight, in the middleweight class and probably the toughest assignment the local favorite, Snapp, has drawn yet, will be for the mythical Pacific Northwest 160-pound championship. At present both boys claim the honor.

Volk probably will be the favorite—he's a top crowd-pleaser in Portland—and consequently has been passing off some complimentary aspersions as to Snapp's ability as a fighter. Particularly when a sports writer is near, Volk is quick to point out that most of the Gingers' fights have been before home audiences and that he probably got all the best of the officiating.

Volk evidently doesn't know what he's talking about, but he's free to have his say.

Snapp has had his share of pushovers, all right, and he's had some tough fights, too. And usually it's been his right hand that was lifted at the end. An inspection of Volk's record would turn up a lot more pushovers than Snapp has met, because Volk has been fighting longer.

The middleweight division is at least 95 per cent filled with resisters. Almost anywhere you poke there is a pushover.

Neither Volk nor Snapp fall into that category, happily, and the Portland New Year's Day shindig might be just what the doctor ordered for the prizefight game in the Northwest. It has been a long way down.

Both Snapp and Volk are punchers, so the "15-round" business probably is just something that'll look good on the placards. Six rounds and a knockout is about right, one way or the other.

Volk's lethal punch is a left hook to the body or head, while Snapp's best is his right. But that doesn't mean that either boy has his other hand in a cast.

Snapp, the Merrill citizen, probably will do his training for the match at Brooks, a suburb of Salem, while Bobby Volk, who already started getting ready at Portland's PAL gym.

The fight is being planned with true NBA championship flavor. Rules governing title matches will prevail and a belt, emblematic of the Pacific Northwest middleweight championship, will go to the winner.

Briefs

Bengals Acquire Seattle

DETROIT, Dec. 17 (AP)—The Detroit Tigers of the American league today shook up their baseball farm system, dropping Dallas, Tex., and adding Seattle, Wash., and Little Rock, Ark.

They also signed Jack Tighe, one-time manager of a Muskegon, Mich., farm club, to direct the new Flint, Mich., club of the recently-formed Central league, and replaced George Detore as manager of their Williamsport, Pa., farm with Gene DeSeutels, former Tiger catcher.

Robert (Red) Rolfe, director of minor league clubs for the Tigers, said the changes gave Detroit 10 minor league teams which they own or with which they have working agreements.

Acquisition of Seattle in the Pacific Coast league, Rolfe went on, gives Detroit two Triple A minor league clubs. The other is Buffalo.

Pauley Cuts In

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17 — The deal cutting Edwin and Harold Pauley into 37½ per cent interest in the Los Angeles Rams football club has been closed.

President Dan Reeves confirmed the sale, which left him with 37½ per cent — still the largest single stockholder. The remaining 25 per cent is shared by Secretary of the Interior Julius Krug and Fred Levy, Los Angeles and Louisville business men.

The Pauleys are California oil men, and Edwin is special assistant to the secretary of war.

Hayward Funeral

EUGENE, Dec. 17 (AP)—Recitation of the Rosary for William L. Hayward, University of Oregon track coach emeritus, will be at the Simon chapel at 7:30 tonight.

The funeral services will be tomorrow at 2 p. m. with the Very Rev. Francis P. Leipzig officiating. Burial will be at the Rest Haven Memorial park here.

Pelican Doused In Volley Meet

Pelican was eliminated from the class B grade school volleyball tournament yesterday, defeated by Roosevelt 15-11 and 15-10. In the top bracket Fremont topped Riverside, 15-4, 15-7.

This afternoon at Mills Riverside plays Roosevelt and the winner takes on Fremont Thursday for the class B title. Loser gets third place.

In the class A division Mills plays Fremont and the winner plays Pelican tomorrow or Friday for the championship.

Evansen Honored

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 17 (AP)—Paul Evansen, senior guard on Oregon State college's football team and member of the West's Shrine Bowl team, was named yesterday as 1947 recipient of the annual Otto Sitten award for the school's outstanding lineman.

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Leo Durocher May Skipper League Stars

BROOKLYN, Dec. 17 (AP)—Whether or not Leo Durocher of the Brooklyn Dodgers will pilot the National league all-stars in the major's annual all-star game next year is up to Durocher himself.

Durocher, recently reinstated as Dodger manager after his one year suspension for "conduct detrimental to baseball," was given the green light by National League President Ford Frick yesterday.

Frick said, "The 1948 manager of the Brooklyn club will lead the league team in the all-star game," meaning Durocher.

Burt Shotton, who filled in for Durocher in 1947 and led the Dodgers to the pennant, can be the National's manager only if Durocher elects to step aside.

Reached at his Bartow, Fla., home, Shotton said that the selection of Durocher was "the way it should be."

In Los Angeles, Durocher said, "this is the first I've heard of it." "I'll have to think it over awhile."

Late Cage Scores

High School
Jefferson 44, Rainier 26.
Camas 38, Franklin 31.
Commerce 50, Forest Grove 49.
St. Helens 27, Gresham 26.
Salem 37, Washington 36.
Newport 41, Reedport 30.
Milwaukie 52, West Linn 50.
Junction City 31, Elmira 17.
Nestucca 27, Sheridan 23.
Springfield 37, Eugene 38.
St. Mary's (Eugene) 46, Lowell 45.
Roseburg 33, Cottage Grove 25.
Corvallis 40, University High 30.
Vernonia 39, Willamina 34.
Columbia Prep 44, Seaside 36.
Dayton 24, Independence 16.

College
Willamette 70, Linfield 47.
Whitman 45, Pacific University 42.
College of Idaho 71, Northwest Nazarene 38.
Portland 63, St. Martin's 49.
Eastern Washington 51, Farragut 24.
Brigham Young 48, Arizona State (Tempe) 45.
Nebraska 65, South Dakota 38.
William and Mary 51, Virginia 33.
Syracuse 63, Boston Univ. 54.
New York Univ. 68, Connecticut 55.
Long Island 67, Louisiana State 47.

Ikes Meet Tonight

The Klamath-Modoc chapter, Isaac Walton league, will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in the Willard hotel Gold Room for election and installation of officers for 1948. Fred Barnes of Keno has been nominated for president of the chapter. All members and guests of the organization are invited to attend.

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Legal Paper Forming Klamath Baseball, Inc., Filed At Courthouse

Articles of incorporation of "Klamath Baseball, Inc." have been photostatically copied and filed away in the big vault in County Clerk Charlie DeLap's office at the courthouse.

That far, at least, the movement to put professional baseball in Klamath Falls has progressed. The articles of incorporation were drawn up by Paul Farrens, Dick Maxwell and M. O. Hall, and went on the books of the state corporation commissioner in Salem.

So the professional baseball association here is now a going concern of fact, rather than a good idea of fiction. The association was incorporated for \$100,000, or 4000 shares of common stock with no set par value but with a selling price of \$25 a share.

The association is deemed to be a perpetual one, designed to provide an athletic ground at or near Klamath Falls, to operate a professional baseball club, to conduct business in Oregon, other states and foreign countries, to deal in or sell refreshments and to take whatever financial steps are legal and necessary to accomplish its aims.

Club Won't Operate As Farm

The Klamath baseball team, as yet not an actuality but coming along, will be in the class D Far West league, one of eight teams in the circuit. A working agreement with the Philadelphia Phillies has already been set up, but the club will be owned entirely by the stockholders. It will not be a farm club.

Medford, Redding, Willows, Santa Rosa, Marysville, Oroville and Vallejo form the rest of the circuit. As set up now, the Far West league will play a 123-game schedule, of them 63 at home for each club.

Fans Will Select Team's Name

The Klamath club as yet does not have a name, but that item is going to be turned over to the fans. This column and the "Sports Lineup," Don Neal's radio sportscast will conduct a name contest, probably late this month. We'll shake the bush and corral a few worthwhile prizes to pass on to the originator of the team name selected.

Texas Aggie Coach Cashes In

The flittingness of fame is amply illustrated by the announcement yesterday from Homer Norton, long-time head coach of Texas A. & M., that he would resign before the start of next football season. His contract was to run two years more, but students and alumni collected \$20,000 to buy the paper.

At one time Norton was getting pats on the back from all hands—when his Aggies were thrusting themselves through the gridiron offerings of various and sundry opponents. But this past season the Norton-coached Aggies stacked up three wins, a tie and six losses. They started throwing rocks at Homer.

Betting Gridders Given Gate

Four Honolulu Warriors pro football players who last week were found guilty in a court of law of betting on themselves in a game with Los Angeles, were barred from professional football for life by Rufus L. Williams, commissioner of the Pacific Coast pro league. The four were Floyd Rhea, guard, formerly of the University of Oregon; Halfback Mel Abreu, the league's offensive leader; Halfback Ray Schussel of Yale, and Jack Neenan, who used to play center for South Carolina.

Ten others involved were suspended indefinitely, which can mean forever if Klamath doesn't do anything to reinstate them.

Detroit Pro Lions Placed Up For Sale

DETROIT, Dec. 17 (AP)—The Detroit Lions of the National Football league were looking for a new coach today, to all appearances, for a new owner as well.

Owner Fred Mandel, who sank a near half million dollars in the Lions and failed to get a champion in seven years of trying, removed Charles E. (Gus) Dorais as head coach.

Meanwhile Mandel also indicated he was ready to sell.

All this happened within the space of a few hours yesterday—first a series of reports of offers or contemplated offers from prospective Lion buyers and then Mandel's own manifesto.

Declaring Dorais had rejected a "substantial settlement" to quit, Mandel in positive language said Gus "definitely" would not coach the Lions in 1948 despite a five-year contract still having four years to go. The contract can only be terminated by the sale of the club.

Owls Reach Win Side Of Ledger

The OVS Owls got on the win side of the ledger last night, powdering the 11-starred Eagles 69-4 in a Basin league hoop contest at the OVS gym. Last night's other game saw the Gun Shot defeat Crater Lake dairy 39-22.

Tonight in the city division the scene shifts to Altamont gym where Sam Nealin's powerful Oregon Woolen squad plays Hal's Sports in the opener at 7 p. m. and Link River Motors makes its debut against American Legion in the nightcap.

LOS ANGELES—Jackie Wilson, 145, Los Angeles, outpointed Bobby Yaeger, 145½, Los Angeles, 10.

SECOND HALF OF DUCK SEASON OPEN TUESDAY

The second half of the Oregon and Northern California split migratory waterfowl hunting season opens next Tuesday noon, December 23, for a run through the holidays and until January 5, making the first time duck and goose hunting has been allowable over Christmas and New Year's Day in many years.

The state game commission has ruled that new hunting licenses will be required for the last five days. State hunting licenses, issued on a yearly basis, expire December 31, but federal duck stamps are good until June 30, so hunters will not have to buy new duck stamps to take in the last part of the season.

The game commission is printing the 1948 licenses and will mail them to the distributing agencies to be available about December 20. A new form of hunting license is being used this year, with a little higher cost. Deer tags will not be attached to the licenses, but will be issued separately—for an extra 50 cents—along next summer.

Bag limits for the second half of the season will be the same as for the first and the same shooting times will prevail for Klamath and Lake counties in Oregon and Modoc, Lassen, Shasta and the immediate area of Siskiyou county in California.

Opening time for the first day will be 12 noon, closing 3:30 p. m. The second day, December 24, opening time will be 7:30 a. m.

A comparatively mild winter thus far without too much snow over the fields has kept the migratory swarms of ducks and geese here, so there may be some good hunting in the late season. At any rate, this second half probably will not draw out the thousands of non-resident hunters the first half did.

Portland Cue Artist Leads

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17 (AP)—Bob Archer, the pool expert from Portland, Ore., holds undisputed possession of first place today in the Pacific Coast sectional pocket billiards tournament.

He defeated Richard Johnson of San Francisco 12-8 in 30 innings last night to take his third straight game. Jim Mills of San Jose, Calif., dropped from the undefeated bracket with Archer. He was upset by Tommy Boatman, Dallas, Ore., 125-100 in 14 innings.

Bob Lindholm of Seattle also beat Boatman 125-106 in 27 innings to get into the winning circle for the first time while Mills earlier had won his third victory at the expense of Gene River, Portland, Ore., 125-100 in 14 innings. Other games: Rivers beat Johnson 125-9, 5 innings; Lindholm headed Rivers 125-100, 39 innings.

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