

Fistic Docket Features All Small Weights Phil Sampson Is In Main Event With Sanderson

The first professional fight card since early last November is slated for the Klamath Falls armory tonight, getting under way at 8:30. General admission tickets will go on sale at the armory box office on your earlier.

One welterweight scrap of 10 rounds, a lightweight match of another 10 and two lightweight bouts of four rounds each are arranged for the card.

Phil Sampson, the little Reno slugger who is making his home in Klamath Falls and started his fighting career here, is paired off with Kenny Sanderson of Crescent City, another 145-pound lad who can hit, in the top event of the evening.

Cal Robinson, little Seattle negro who is matched with Monte Montgomery, may have too much experience for the Indian boy in the second half of the twin main event, although Montgomery can throw a knockout punch.

Montgomery's biggest flaw is being chary of getting hit in the stomach. If he can stave off that he might win over Robinson.

What is liable to be the hottest session of the evening is the special event, four stanzas between Al Renner of Tulare, Calif., and Ralph Weiser of Beatty. Both are good boys and capable of classical ring action.

Rudy Carlson, who blows hot and cold in his ring appearances, takes on a lad called Young Benny from Crescent City, traveling partner of Sanderson, in the opening.

Referee for tonight will be Sid Herbert, replacing Wally Moss who was hurt recently in an automobile accident.

Meissner hasn't given up the idea of skiing from Government camp at Mt. Hood to Crater Lake in Southern Oregon. He's ready to start tomorrow and will go alone.

Meissner, a Cascade Summit woodsman, said that his recently-acquired partner for the trip, Ernst Pentheny, Timberline ski instructor, had been persuaded to withdraw from the jaunt by the Mt. Hood ski patrol.

The 300-mile trip, if successful, would take 30 days to complete, Meissner believes, and he is willing to take the risk solo.

Meissner has been given a 50-50 chance of getting through by veteran ski patrolmen, and forest service rangers are afraid that if Meissner gets through others will attempt the risky trip.

Barney McCosky stays outside. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17 (AP)—Ferris Fain, fiery first baseman, has signed up for the 1948 season with the Philadelphia Athletics. But outfielder Barney McCoskey is still a holdout.

Erle Mack, assistant manager of the A's yesterday announced the return of Fain's signed contract, and McCoskey's rejection of the A's terms. Mack said Elmer Valo, Eddie Joost, Russ Christopher, Bob Savage and Rookies Zebelon Eaton, Bob Wellman and Frank Bernardi still haven't signed.

Returns Prize Money To Kitty



Howard Dunn, who selected the name 'Pioneers' for Klamath Falls professional baseball club and won \$100 for the choice, put his prize money back into the company as purchase of stock. The name couldn't be used because it had been used in articles of incorporation earlier by the sponsors of a team in the semi-pro Northern California league, so the team still doesn't have a sobriquet. Shown with Jones, who is an old-time ball player himself, is Dexter Elliott, treasurer of Klamath Baseball Inc.

HOOP LEADERS TUMBLE IN FREQUENT UPSETS

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (AP)—It was a Blue Monday for many of the nation's college basketball titans. One of the rockiest evenings of the campaign left this damage in its wake: 1. Wisconsin was defeated by Ohio State, 53 to 47, and was supplanted as Big Nine lead.

2. Missouri yielded its leadership in the Big Seven to Kansas State after bowing to Iowa State, 48 to 47. 3. North Carolina, boasting a 10-1 record and looking forward to seizing the Southern conference lead in a week-end engagement with North Carolina State (7-0), was rudely bumped by Wake Forest, 53 to 47.

4. Texas, challenging Baylor for the top run in the Southwest conference, was the upset victim of Rice, 54 to 47, and dropped below Arkansas into third place. 5. But not all activities ran afoul of form. Kentucky's potent Wildcats solidified their Southeastern conference lead by humbling Alabama, 63 to 33, and Tennessee practically clinched a seeded tournament berth by trouncing Vanderbilt, 63 to 48.

Brigham Young, the Mountain states pace-setter, bettered its position by overwhelming Colorado A and M, 79 to 48.

Jumping Joe Lynam of Redmond and Sailor Al Williams, tattooed toughie from Chicago, will be the main event contestants in a five-round, two out of three falls match. Holder of the Pacific Coast belt at present is Frankie Stojack of Tacoma, who wrestled here last week. At that time Stojack said he would be willing to put his championship on the line, so the title fight may be arranged for next week.

Joe Lynam held the diadem for a stretch of time about two years ago, while Williams has never been so fortunate. Two other matches, both four-rounders, will round out the Friday card.

Bantams Mix At Portland. PORTLAND, Feb. 17—Two of the classic bantamweights now operating on the Pacific slope—Irish Joey Dolan of Spokane, and Mexico's Luis Castillo, square off in the auditorium tonight for a 10-round brawl at the top of Promoter Tex Salkeld's fight card.

Hal Robbins of Vancouver and Chuck Brown of Portland, lightweights, have the eight-round semi-windup billing.

Dick Wolfe of Klamath Falls and Dean Abney of Salem are in one four-round supporting bout. Bruce Miller of Chiloquin and Pat Harrington in another, and Jerry Struts and Billy Dove have the opener.

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Rickey Defied Majors

WILBERFORCE, O., Feb. 17 (AP)—Branch Rickey defied the formally expressed opposition of 15 major league clubs to give Jackie Robinson, first negro star, his chance at organized baseball.

Using the annual football banquet of Wilberforce State university, a negro school, as his staging board, Rickey in a candid and impassioned address told an audience of some 250 last night.

"After I had signed Robinson, but before he had played a game, a joint major league meeting adopted unanimously a report prepared by a joint committee which stated that 'However well intentioned, the use of negro players would hazard all the physical properties of baseball. You can't find a copy of that report anywhere, but I was at the meeting where it was adopted.'"

"I sat silent while the other 15 clubs approved it. 'I've tried to get a copy of the report, but league officials tell me all were destroyed. 'But let them deny they adopted such a report, if they dare. 'I'd like to see the color of the man's eyes who would deny it.'"

Rickey said the report was adopted at the winter meeting after the appointment of A. B. (Happy) Chandler as commissioner.

In New York President Ford Frick of the National Baseball league said today he had "no comment" on Branch Rickey's disclosure of a major league ban on hiring of negro players.

"I remember the meeting and recall that we were dealing with changes in player contracts, but I don't remember anything about that phase or phrase," Frick said. "However, as it was a confidential meeting I'm afraid I must say I have no comment."

Princess Is Good Influence

LONDON, Feb. 17 (AP)—A 12-year-old girl in the Tower Bridge juvenile court on a charge of waywardness suddenly emerged as one of the court's visitors today.

The child clung to her mother, pointed to the visitor, and wailed: "Whatever will she think of me? I'll never be naughty again."

The visitor was Princess Elizabeth. About 39 per cent of the tobacco and 44 per cent of the cotton grown in the United States is exported.

Phils Invest Heavily In Farm System

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17 (NEA)—Robert R. M. Carpenter Jr., taking over the general management of the Phillies, is not at all surprising.

Young Bob Carpenter has been an athlete and sports-minded since he was old enough to play games. He played football well at Duke, ran the Wilmington, Del. club of the Interstate league, has more than a routing interest in the University of Delaware, promoted professional basketball, even backed a prize fighter or two.

At the end of the 1943 season, Commissioner Landis barred Bill Cox from baseball for betting on games, but not until after the poor man's Larry MacPhail had done the National league a tremendous favor. Cox took over a broken-down franchise just in time for the war-time year, and through Babe Alexander, currently the club's promotion and public relations man, sold Robert R. M. Carpenter Jr., of the main duPont line, a small block of stock.

That brought in Carpenter Jr., who took over the entire shebang when Judge Landis gave Cox the bum's rush.

Since that eventful day, the Carpenters have invested \$1,250,000 in farm clubs alone.

They have two pieces of property in Philadelphia on one of which will be erected a new, commodious and up-to-the-minute home for the Phils.

Since last fall the number of Blue Jay subsidiaries has swelled to 15, one each in Triple A and A, three each in B and C and seven in D, eight of them owned outright.

Theirs was the most successful of minor league claims in 1947, with five of the 11 clubs winning pennants and only one out of the first division. With 26 branch stores, the Brooklyn club accounted for no more than four flags, the Detroit bagged three, a D the Cardinals, with 24 clubs, copped only two.

Realizing that the future of the Phils rested in their farms, young Carpenter concentrated on them. He installed smart young executives as general managers, chaps like 24-year-old Eddie Horgan of the highly-successful Wilmington Blue Rocks, who frequently play nearly 10,000 in one of the finest little parks in the land.

He knows every player in the chain, and everything about him. Veterans like Eddie Miller, Bert Haas and Roy Cullenbine are obtained by the Phillies only as fill-ins.

It is from the farm clubs that the Phillies of the future will be built and maintained.

Beavers Whip Idaho For Second Spot Tie. CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 17 (AP)—Having proved that three minutes properly applied are better than three quarters, Oregon State's Beavers shot tonight for sole possession of second place in the northern division Pacific Coast Basketball conference.

The defending titlist moved into a runner-up deadlock with Washington's Huskies last night off a 52-45 win over Idaho. The two clubs tangle again tonight in the Vandalia last hope to avert a complete rout of its four-game Oregon jaunt.

For three quarters it looked as if the Idahoans might turn the trick. OSC didn't score a field goal until 15 minutes passed in the first half, and the Vandals led 20-16 at half-time.

Not until the second half was six minutes old did the Beavers tie the count at 21-all and then only momentarily. Link sent Idaho back in front with a foul shot. Cattered countered for OSC. Preston Brimhall hit three in succession from the line to give Idaho a 29-26 margin.

It was the visitor's last lead. Dick Ballantyne, Cliff Crandall and Norm Carey swept the decks in a three-minute foray that carried Oregon State into a 34-29 lead and broke the Vandal spirit.

Idaho's Link and OSC's Ballantyne each hit 12 points in the scoring parade.

Mangrum Takes Over. HARLINGEN, Tex., Feb. 17 (AP)—Lloyd Mangrum of Chicago was \$2000 richer today and well ahead as the year's top money winner on the winter professional golf tour.

His playoff victory over Jimmy Demaret, Ojai, California, yesterday in the \$10,000 lower Rio Grande Open tournament boosted his earnings for the year to \$8,188.33.

General Manager Earl Sheely said this morning that he had talked by telephone yesterday to Novikoff in Los Angeles, but declined to reveal whether the clouting Russian had agreed to contract terms.

Two more players were signed Monday. They are outfielder Frank Mullens, up from the Vancouver Capitanos in the Western International Baseball league, and Pitcher Maurice Engstrom, Seattle high school rookie who will be sent to the new Great Falls, Mont., club in the Pioneer league, a Seattle farm.

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Winter Rules Out For PGA Links Nomads

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (AP)—Don't be surprised if there's a swelling in the size of scores on the professional golf circuit.

Ed Dudley, president of the Professional Golfers association, has issued a directive that henceforth no PGA-sponsored tournament will be played under winter rules.

Instead, the mercenary shot-makers must adhere to the standards laid down by the United States Golf association, he said.

There's one exception. Players may carry 16 clubs instead of the 14 to which they are limited under the USGA.

But no more teeing up in the fairway and other liberties which go with winter rules, declared Dudley. They are out.

It was a misunderstanding over rules that led to all that commotion at Harlingen, Texas, last week-end when the PGA's rules committee was disbanded, a "war" was named and a couple of the athletes engaged in fistuffs.

"Half the field teed up the ball," the PGA executive said, "and half of them didn't."

The weasel and mink are of the same family—Sports Afield.

Flyers Tip Off Motors, 49-46. The Tulalake Associated Flyers, champs of the Basin Basketball league's county division, invaded the city last night and had a tough time turning back the Link River Motors quintet, 49-46.

Score at the end of the rocketing first quarter was 17-17 and was 28 to 23 for Tulalake at halftime. The Motors staged a comeback drive in the third period and trailed by only two points, 38-36, at the close of that session.

Tulalake's Crawford poured in 19 points to lead the scoring parade and Dahle had 12. For the Motors Neil Mayfield had 12 points, Joe Zarosinski 14.

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