

Snapp Takes Count Over Hostak In 10

Merrill Boy Gives Former Champ Lesson

By The Associated Press
PORTLAND, March 17 (AP)—It was a case of "too little and too late" for Al Hostak last night and the balding former middleweight boxing champion took a 10-round lacing from young Jack (Ginger) Snapp of Klamath Falls.

Never a clever boxer, Hostak was able to break through his opponent's flailing lefts and right hooks only on brief occasions. The ex-champion won the fourth round and the tenth, the latter in a desperate attempt to drop Snapp for a count. He succeeded in opening a cut under the Oregon fighter's eye.

Snapp puffed the Seattle fighter's eye in the third round and alternated with lefts to the head and rights to the body to take six of the 10 heats. Two were even.

GRUMAN DISAGREES
Referee Ralph Gruman didn't agree with the other judges and gave his vote to Hostak, but Bobby Grayson and Tom Pridemore handed the nod to Snapp. The \$754 who paid a gross of \$11,491 were Snapp partisans and cheered wildly as Snapp weathered a battering attack in the eighth and came back with a stunning right to Hostak's jaw. The bell came before the extent of Al's trouble was apparent, but he seemed thoroughly shaken and weak-kneed after the blow.

There were no knockdowns throughout the fight and none threatened except in the eighth. Ringsiders—who were divided in sentiment on the split decision—viewed Snapp as a highly improved fighter over his previous appearance here.

BOTH OVERWEIGHT
Snapp weighed 162½, Hostak 165. Preliminaries:
Chuck Brown, 135, Portland, TKO'd Boykin Bourgeois, 132, Haiti, 4; Harold Mendenhall, 151, Salem, TKO'd Pat Harrington, 153, Seattle, 2; Lou Ballard, 147, Boise, decision; Nicky McCoy, 156, Vanport, 4; Jerry Strutz, 121, Portland, and Jackie Hackley, 125, drew, 4; Si Jones, 184, Portland, decision; Pete Smith, 171, Seattle, 4.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT
Buffalo—Ray "Sugar" Robinson, 152½, New York, outpointed Henry Brimm, 157½, Buffalo, 10 (non-title); Los Angeles—Baby Dutch Culbertson, 184, Los Angeles, stopped Jerry McSwain, 192, Anaheim, Calif., 8; Cleveland—Steve Belloise, 160, New York, stopped Irish Mickey Doyle, 188, Cleveland, 7.

Grade School Champs



This is the Riverside team which won the grade school 'A' league basketball tournament and championship last week-end. Coached by James Young, the outfit includes Douglas Pence (4), Bill Worthington (8), Oakley Summers (9), David French (12), Matt Finnigan (7), Delbert Lein (11), Pat Pratt (10), Avery Swearingen (3) and Louie Frederickson, with ball.

YALE FINALLY FINDS NEW FOOTBALL COACH

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 17 (AP)—Herman Hickman, "The Little Giant" from Tennessee, is Yale's new head football coach.

Ending a long search for a successor to Howie Odell, Robert J. H. Kipphut, Eli director of athletics, announced Hickman's appointment late yesterday. Odell resigned in January to become head coach at the University of Washington.

The massive Hickman, who gained his nickname because of his avoirdupois, thus departs from the U. S. military academy at West Point to undertake his first assignment as a head coach. He has been line coach at West Point, under Col. Earl Blaik, since 1943. He helped develop Army's strong forward walls that cleared many a path for backfield stars Glenn Davis and Doc Blanchard to romp to fame.

Prior to going to West Point, the massive Hickman served as line coach at Wake Forest and at North Carolina State.

Kipphut, in making the announcement, said Hickman's appointment was for a term of three years. He said the new coach would arrive at New Haven in time to take charge of Yale's spring practice. Head coaches at Yale are not given contracts, a university spokesman explained, but receive appointments corresponding to those tendered professors.

No mention of salary terms was made.

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By
Hale Scarbrough
Single Wing Versus T Argument Has Barber On Single Wing's Side

Jim Barber, assistant coach of the New York Yankees professional football team, was down the other night for some gridiron chit-chat with local pugkin coaches and enthusiasts, and dwelt principally on the most argument of single wing vs. T. There is no answer.

However, Barber is a single wing man and the Yankees play that way. He thinks highly of the model T, but not highly enough of it to advise anyone to switch from the wing. He figures that there is nothing the T can do that the single wing can't do also and possibly better, with the exception of quick-opening plays through the middle. And that's mostly a matter of talent and not style.

Johnny Lujack, for instance, could make an opposition team look silly with a quick-opener no matter what formation he was running from. So can Charlie Trippi. So can Buddy Young.

The single wing gives the passer more protection, Barber figures, and also gives a strong-running tailback or fullback an instant longer to have his plays develop ahead of him. Everything in good football works on timing. That's true in the high school game, more so in college and is illustrated to the fullest in professional play. The pro teams have timing developed right down to half-beats.

The Yankees' backfield system, Barber related, is to drop two men back, tailback and fullback—in their case, Spec Sanders and Buddy Young. Both weigh about 165 and can run hard. They spell off handling the ball. For instance, Young might be tailback on one play and full the next.

Two men back like Young and Sanders gives the Yankees a true double punch in the tailback spot, but that's a matter of talent and not style also. Another outfit might want a 220-pounder for fullback rather than a light man.

He Was There In 72-0 Shellacking

Barber wasn't here to run down the T—he has a hefty respect for it, especially since he played with the Washington Redskins the year the Chicago Bears introduced the T in the National Professional league and beat Washington 72-0.

The Cleveland Browns, All-America conference champs, use the T and Barber vows the Browns happen to be the best team he ever saw on a football field. But here again, he says, it's a matter of talent. With Otto Graham throwing and Marion Motley running, the Browns would be super-great with any formation.

Unbalanced Line With T Disliked

Because the T is used so much in high school football hereabouts, Barber was quizzed closely about the style. Answering a question from Ed Ryan, Pelican coach, he positively vetoed the use of an unbalanced line.

"The secret of the T is to be able to hit any point with equal force," Barber said, "and when you weaken one side of the line in favor of the other you defeat the purpose." An unbalanced line is much more practical for the single wing.

Yanks Use Five Defensive Set-Ups

As for defense against the T, Barber outlined five of them the Yankees use and recommended mixing them up. Use one defense throughout the game—as the Redskins did during that 72-0 shellacking—and a good T quarterback can beat you to death, is Barber's philosophy.

Have five or six defensive set-ups and keep changing from one to another and you hand the worry to the opposition.

Ryan Interested In Screen Passes

Another right pertinent matter Barber discussed is that of the screen pass. Ed Ryan brought the subject up—seeing that The Dalles edged the Pelicans during the playoff game last fall with a screen play.

The best and only defense for it, Barber surmised, is just to see it coming. It might work once but make sure it doesn't work the second time.

Tigard Quint Scores Upset In State Play

Favored Newberg Rapped Off Perch In Initial Round

EUGENE, Ore., March 17 (AP)—Sparked by 15-year-old sophomore Forward Toby Lewis' 36 points, the Tigard Tigers gave the state class A high school basketball tournament its first upset last night as they posted a first round victory along with St. Helens.

Tigard came from behind to tie and in the wild overtime session topped Newberg, 58 to 55.

St. Helens was an easy winner over Pendleton, leading all the way to finish 49 to 33.

The lightly regarded Tigard team from district 9 was trailing 16-12 at the first quarter but managed to deadlock 25-25 at the half before Newberg broke loose again. At the end of the third quarter, the favored team from district 8 was again in the lead, 41-37. But Tigard recouped—and although high scoring Lewis fouled out—tied the score again 53-53, when Center Merlin Harris looped in a goal four seconds before the end of the regular play.

In the overtime, Newberg anathematized a 2-point edge on Don Hoy's goal but Harris quickly deadlocked again, 55-55. Here Guard Don Amburn fired in his lone goal of the game. A moment later Ken Bader, Tigard guard, collected a five throw for the last point.

The Buckaroos never threatened St. Helens after the first few minutes of play. The district 14 champs were in front 23-19 at the half. Don Neveau scored 17 to pace the victors. Emilie Holman led Pendleton with 12.

It was a case of too much height and power as St. Helens was obviously in command.

Gunners Back At Old Stand After Jaunt

Members of the Klamath Gun club will be doing business Sunday morning at the same old stand—their traps out at Wocus—after making a trip to Medford last week-end for a shoot with the Medford gun club.

Clyde Fox of Tulake was high gun at Medford and the rest of the shooters did very well. Fox had 99 hits in the 16-yard 100-bird event.

The latest local shoot was a registered event held Sunday, March 7, with about 45 persons taking part. Nelson Reed, J. M. Adams, George Van Golder and Art Brown were all high at 93 from the 16-yard line.

Paul Hilton's 46 was handicapped high, followed by Rod Smith's 42. Perfect 25's by Nelson Reed, Prent Puckett and Clyde Fox were turned in for the Oregon Journal's telegraphic shoot.

Hoop-Hitting Pastor Will Miss Services

WACO, Tex., March 17 (AP)—Jackie Robinson is going to miss next Sunday from the Ninth Street Baptist church pulpit. But the 30-odd members won't mind. Their pastor will be working for the Baptists anywhere.

Robinson, an ordained minister, is a star guard on the Baylor university basketball team. His coach, Bill Henderson, calls him the most valuable man to his team in the Southwest conference.

Baylor leaves tonight for Kansas City where the Baptist school will play in the Western regional tournament of the National Collegiate Athletic association.

Baylor plays Washington Friday night. If the Bears cop that one they'll take on the winner of the Kansas State-Wyoming game Saturday night. But winning that first game alone will insure a trip to New York. The runner-up in each regional tournament also plays in the big tournament.

If Baylor loses to Washington, however, Jackie will stay in Missouri Sunday to preach at a youth revival. "But I think we can take 'em," he says.

The colorful Robinson has missed only four games in three years as a Baylor player. One was because of illness, three were because he went to Honolulu to preach at a youth meeting.

Irish Start Grid Drills On St. Pat's

SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 17 (AP)—This being St. Patrick's Day, the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame appropriately opened spring football drills.

Among the wearers of the green were such fine Fighting Irish as Mike Switowicz, Red Sisko, John Panelli, Frank Tripucka, and others.

Coach Frank Leahy, surrounded by nearly 150 big bruisers, refrained from being too optimistic about Notre Dame's 1948 chances. Twenty-five lettermen swarmed around the coach, smiling and playfully passing each other for benefit of the press photographers.

Leahy conceded that Notre Dame will be able to field a team next fall, although he lost 12 monogram winners by graduation.

"But I'm afraid we'll take some bad beatings," he jovially added.

Notre Dame won only nine games last year. That's all it played. They have 10 scheduled for 1948. Leahy would be the last to admit it, but if the Fighting Irish are successful in their opener, against Purdue, they might easily press on to another undefeated season.

Lipscomb Has Mat Opener

Jack (Buck) Lipscomb, the Hoosier toughie who used to be able to tie out fans here just by putting his face in the door, will be back Friday night for his first armory showing in a year or more.

Lipscomb is a surly character given to catch-as-catch-can grappling and always stages an inspired fight.

His opponent Friday night will be Georges Durette, the French-Canadian strongman, and they will tussle over the five-round route in the fight that opens the card.

Main event, of course, will be the return tag team struggle between teams composed of Frankie Hart and Joe Lynam on one side, Joe Durett and Bob Cummings, no time limit.

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