

2 Oakland Players Threatened

Polish Needed to Jell Marciano-Dempsey Comparison

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NEW YORK (NEA) — Rocky Marciano now has had 42 professional matches, and still no one knows for sure whether he can fight.

Harry Matthews turned out to be little more than the myth so many suspected he might be.

Before the roof caved in at Yankee Stadium, the totally unmarked Matthews said he had never been hit save for the time he suffered a broken nose in 1943.

And when Marciano landed the second left hook in the second round, The Athletic acted just like a bloke who had never been hit.

It made you wonder who he fought in 100 bouts.

The answer comes pretty close to being "no one of consequence."

Marciano remains pretty crude, but as Jack Kearns best describes The Rock, he is a hurting fighter.

"He goes with Jack Dempsey as a hitter," says Doc Kearns, "may hit even a little harder and, again like Dempsey, he hurts the other guy with every punch."

Marciano also has demonstrated that he can take it more than somewhat. He did this against Roland LaStarza. Joe Louis shook him up with a couple of punches. Matthews, who knocked out 62 opponents, twice belted him solidly in the first heat.

When a heavyweight with the sock of Marciano absorbs punishment and crowds the other fellow, he is on the move, and the Brooklyn Black Buster most certainly is — right in the direction of Jersey Joe Walcott.

How Marciano will fare against the moving target that is the amazing Walcott is now the question. Marciano no doubt also will have to shake off the most devastating blow that has ever been poked on his chin, the Great Father of Gamden has clearly demonstrated that he packs a pistol in both fists.

But a plodding Louis finally caught Walcott, and there is little reason to doubt that the much younger and thoroughly aggressive Marciano would do the same.

There is a tendency now to compare Marciano with Dempsey. They must mean the 25-year-old Dempsey, who first came to New York to box Wild Bert Kenney and John Lester Johnson 10 rounds

each at the old Commonwealth Club in Harlem in the Summer of 1916. No one but John the Barber Reiter, who had him at the moment, paid any attention to the young man from the far west who always looked like he needed a shave. He got little or no more money and disappeared.

Dempsey did not bump into Kearns until February of 1917, and there was a vast difference in him by late September of that year, when he decisively outboxed the highly skilled Bob McAllister in four rounds in Oakland.

Kearns was working on the big build-up now and knockouts, but young Dempsey made a grand impression going 10 rounds with clever Billy Miske in St. Paul in May of 1918. He was hardly sharp

when he required 12 rounds to flatten Bill Brennan in New York in December of 1920, although the Irishman was considerably more formidable than a lot of people believe.

If there was any question about Dempsey's boxing ability, it was dispelled when he and Tommy Gibbons stepped 15 rounds in 1923. Dempsey was 31 when he boxed Gene Tunney the first time, and his legs were beginning to go, yet the Manly Marine will tell you he did not once hit him squarely in 20 stanzas.

If Rocky Marciano, who has come a long way in four years, acquires Jack Dempsey's poise and polish, it won't even be close with anybody around today.

Letter Follows SF Fight

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Police said Tuesday two members of the Oakland Oaks baseball team received a threatening letter after having been involved in a free-for-all fight with players from the rival San Francisco Seals July 27.

The letter, mailed in San Francisco and signed "The Group of Nineteen," warned catcher Ray Noble and infielder Piper Davis to stay away from Seals Stadium for a series between the teams opening Aug. 26.

PROTECTION
Police reported they had been asked by Oakland manager Mel Ott to provide protection for the players. They plan an investigation.

Sports reporters said the fight at Oakland was one of the roughest baseball fights they had ever seen.

SCUFFLE
It was touched off when Davis and Seals pitcher Bill Boemler began scuffling after Davis slid into home plate with his spikes flashing.

Boemler was covering the plate. Earlier the pitcher almost nicked Davis with two pitches before the infielder singled.

Members of both teams leaped into the fray, the Oaks led by Noble.

TIME OUT!



"Why, Tim, it's you! At first, I thought it was one of those players who's always grumbling about my eyesight!"



BILL TOOLE ... holds three records



OREGON'S highlight in the world of sports in August is the Shrine All-Star high school football game.

Klamath Falls' own Bill Toole helped make last year's fourth annual game probably the best in the series.

In doing so, Toole established three of the nine new records that tumbled in that one game, a 29-13 victory by the Oregon All-Stars that evaded the series at two apiece with the Portland All-Stars.

As a matter of fact, there are still a lot of customers to that game who are wondering why Toole was given a ball-carrying assignment only six times.

In the six tries, Toole reeled off 101 yards from scrimmage for a lousy 17.8 average, a new record.

ONE OF THE six times, Toole dashed 67 yards, another record.

The third record established by Whirlin' William was a 69-yard kickoff return.

The other six records to go by the boards in last year's game were George Shaw throwing 19 completed passes for the Portlanda, Wally Russell totaling 109 yards with his throws for the Oregon, Portlanda's Dick Davenport receiving five passes and totaling 56 yards, Portlanda's 14 first downs and Oregon's 271 net yards from rushing.

FANS WHO saw Toole run wild in the Shrine game were also surprised the next month when the ex-Pelican star passed up football at Oregon State.

Your writer has always maintained that, despite Toole's talent on the basketball court, football is really his game.

It's true he lettered in basketball for the Beavers but lost his starting job because of his inability to score consistently.

Toole is as good a running back as I've seen in high school football.

He hit high gear in the Shrine game but was still improving. If he had put a year of freshman experience under his belt at Oregon State, it's my guess he would have been one of the top running backs on the Pacific Coast this year.

I hope the rumor that Toole will turn out for football at OSC this year is more than just rumor.

Snapper Back Friday



HEAVY DUTY—Tamara Tyshevich puts considerable bulk into the strain of putting the shot. The Russian miss cut a big figure in the Olympic Games in Helsinki.

Lakeview Next For Bill's 9

Bill's Place, as expected, is champion of the Men's City Softball League, and will open a two-of-three series at Lakeview Thursday night in district play.

The softball champions cleaned up the city double-elimination playoffs last night with an 8-2 win over the nearby Elk team.

That meant the title and a chance at a berth in the state tournament that opens Aug. 16 in Mill City.

But there's two hurdles to get over.

First Lakeview in a Dist. 9 playoff, then Medford, winner of Dist. 8.

The Elks reached Cal Bonney for six hits last night but the eloquent hurler evened things with 10 strikeouts.

Darrell Sorenson smacked a two-run home run for Bill's Place.

Trailing 0-8, the Elks started a seventh-inning rally that was nipped at two runs.

Gene Fawell was touched for nine hits by Bill's Place.

Score: 000 000 2-2 6 1
Bill's 003 005 8-8 9 3
Fawell and Harris: Bonney and Derrah.

Kennedy Ginger's Opponent



'GINGER' SNAPP ... return not easy

Klamath Falls, the state's busiest fight town, welcomes back Ursal (Ginger) Snapp Friday night at the Armory.

The Snapper's opponent will be Paul Kennedy, Yakima, Wash., Negro who now fights out of Los Angeles.

Kennedy is also making a curtain call after an impressive exhibition bout against George Price here June 20.

Since that time, ring fans have wanted to see Kennedy swinging for keeps.

Matchmaker Mack Lillard settled on Kennedy when Snapp inactive for over a year served notice that either Dick Wolfe or Earl Turner were somewhat too much in his first comeback appearance.

There are more than a few who feel Kennedy may be a spoiler capable of doubling Snapp's anticipated meeting with Wolfe for the right to face Turner for the Northwest middleweight title.

Kennedy is a long way from being a scapegoat being led to slaughter before Snapp's lethal right.

DRAW
He's fought Wolfe twice and holds one draw.

The mausoleum of maul is expected to be pocked by a split crowd, half of whom are anxious to see him step over Kennedy for a shot at Wolfe, the other half looking for the Merrill Mauler to get his lumps.

Matchmaker Mack Lillard was expected to name the supporting card Wednesday.

Dick Reeder's, 5th and Main, reported an early rush for reserved tickets.

Raschi Blanks Senators

By The Associated Press
Remember when Hal Newhouser and Dizzy Trout combined their talents to hurl the Detroit Tigers to the 1945 American League pennant?

At the time, baseball fans didn't think their great two-fold performance would be matched for some time to come.

But then Johnny Sain and Warren Spahn came along with the 1948 Boston Braves and delivered a one-two pitching punch that landed the N.L. flag. Okay, so baseball history repeats itself.

THREATEN
Don't look now, but Vic Raschi and Allie Reynolds, a pair of New York Yankee moundmen, are threatening to do it all over again.

Raschi tossed his 11th straight win Monday night, a 1-0 blanking of the Washington Senators that brought his season slate to 13-2.

Tuesday night, Reynolds faces the same Senators in the nation's capital and will be shooting for his 13th victory in 20 decisions.

25 WINS
That means the two Yank right-handers with 25 wins between them, have accounted for better than 40 per cent of their team's 62 triumphs.

Raschi scattered six hits and fanned eight while walking only one.

So the Yanks are now 3 1/2 games in front of second-place Cleveland and another full game ahead of third-place Boston, both of whom were idle Monday night along with the rest of the American League and all of the National.

Wools In State Bid

The Oregon Wools, unbeaten in Girls City League softball play, open a bid for the state title Thursday night in Portland in the eight-team state tournament.

The Wools' first night foe (7:15 Thursday) will be the Eugene Merchants on Normandale Field.

Those making the trip are Shirlee Ralston, Sue Bevinis, Shelia Marvin, Darlene Gordon, Sherry Larson, Maxine Johansen, Bernadette Mathis, Voddie Paxton, Margaret Volk, Beulah Albers, Dee Henninger, Eitel Whitlatch, Teddy Walker, Ruth Hagshagen and Millie Schmidt.

The manager is Bob Mathis.

The Wools whacked the Big Y last night, 21-8, while Midland was forfeiting to Fray-Tex in other league action on Conser Field.

Dee Henninger and Margaret Volk hit home runs for the Wools, Gloria Roberts for Big Y.

The Wools didn't fare as well in King's-X play over the weekend, losing to Oakridge 4-10 and 5-7 in Saturday and Sunday games.

SPORTS

The STANDINGS

By The Associated Press
AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
New York	62	43	.590
Cleveland	58	56	.558
Boston	55	45	.550
Washington	54	48	.529
Philadelphia	50	48	.510
Chicago	53	51	.510
St. Louis	43	63	.406
Detroit	36	67	.350

Monday's Results
New York 1, Washington 0

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Oakland	73	54	.575
Hollywood	72	54	.571
San Diego	70	56	.556
Portland	63	62	.504
Los Angeles	64	64	.500
Seattle	60	62	.492
San Francisco	54	73	.425
Sacramento	48	79	.378

Monday's Results
Los Angeles 1, Hollywood 0
(Only game scheduled)

NATIONAL LEAGUE
(Standings unchanged; no games played Monday)

Western International League

Team	W	L	Pct.
Victoria	70	35	.667
Spokane	60	49	.550
Vancouver	52	48	.520
Salem	52	53	.495
Lewiston	51	56	.477
Yakima	49	60	.447
Tri-City	45	60	.429
Wenatchee	44	62	.415

Monday's Results
Yakima 5, Victoria 2
Vancouver 4, Wenatchee 0
Salem 2, Portland (PCL) 1 (exhibition)

Salem Nips Portland In Exhibition

By The Associated Press
Vancouver ended a four-game Western International League losing streak with a 4-0 shutout over Wenatchee Monday night while Yakima whacked Victoria 5-2.

Other teams, with the exception of Salem's Senators who shamed Portland of the Pacific Coast League 2-1 in an exhibition game, had an open date.

FIFTH WIN
Tom Lovrich, posting his fifth win against two losses, lifted Wenatchee to three well-spaced hits while the Caps bunched their five safeties off Bill Stites and cashed in on the Chiefs' two errors for tallies.

Bill Prior, Victoria right-hander who pitches only home games for the league-leading Ties, was tired in the late innings against Yakima after pitching two-hit ball for the first five. He had trouble with Len Noren, who hit two triples, and Jerry Zuvella who homered for Yakima in the ninth.

SECOND LOSS
It was the second straight loss for the Ties but only the seventh in the last 29 games.

Salem's victory over Portland evened the 12-year-old series at nine games each. The Beavers got their only run in the eighth on four bases on balls off Bob Collins who started for the Senators.

Ty Cobb won 12 American League batting championships, 9 of them in a row. His first was in 1907 and his last in 1919.

Heatons Win 9th

The undefeated Heatons' Machine nine won its ninth straight victory at Recreation Park, a 15-0 win over Sunrise Tavern.

Heatons' pitcher Rodney Wright gave the Tavern boys just two singles as the winners touched Red Shaw for 10 hits.

Don Barron led the Heatons hit parade with a perfect day at bat, three for three.

Hi Hatfield, Sunrise manager, put the game under protest in the second inning when a Heaton player took more than one base on an overthrow after a bunt.

Oaks Back Into PCL Top Spot

By The Associated Press
Clay Hopper's red hot Portland Beavers, who worked themselves into the Pacific Coast League's top division by bowling over Seattle last week, will be out to consolidate their gains this week but the going won't be easy.

The Beavers, host to Oakland for a seven-game series starting Tuesday night, will need more of the inspired baseball that lifted them from sixth to fourth place in the standings, nine games back of the leaders, as they go against the topning Oaks.

Oakland took over first place the easy way Monday night. The Oaks had the night off but moved into the No. 1 berth, four percentage points ahead of Hollywood, when the Stars were blanked 1-0 by Los Angeles. It was the league's only game.

While Portland and Oakland clinch at Portland, Seattle will be trying to make up for their dismal showing against the Beavers in a series with last-place Sacramento. Seattle's Art DeLuca (5-6) will oppose Glenn Elliott (10-10) on the mound in the opener Tuesday night.

At Portland, it will be Red Adams (9-12) for the Beavers against Al Gettel (14-9).

San Diego and San Francisco meet in the loop's fourth game.

Minor League Results

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Toronto 4-3 Syracuse 1-6
Rochester at Montreal, rain
Baltimore at Ottawa (2) rain

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
St. Paul 3 Charleston 1
Minneapolis 3 Columbus 0
Kansas City 2 Indianapolis 9
Louisville 5 Milwaukee 4

TEXAS LEAGUE
Dallas 4 Oklahoma City 1
Fort Worth 2 Tulsa 1
Beaumont 2 Houston 0
Shreveport 8 San Antonio 6

PIONEER LEAGUE
Salt Lake 9 Magic Valley 1
Boise 12 Ogden 5
Billings 9 Pocatello 6
Idaho Falls-Coeur d'Alene, rain

Dingler Wins Ping Pong Title

Bruce Dingler beat Keith Kelsey last night to become the last champion to be crowned in the first annual YMCA ping pong tournament.

Dingler will be honored Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., at the Y's presentation meeting along with Ron Lowell, adult champ; Danny Lowe, Class B winner, and Richard Laine, Class C kingpin.

Hornsby Takes Over Tonight

CINCINNATI (AP) — Rogers "Rajah" Hornsby takes over the managerial reins of the seventh-place Cincinnati Reds here Tuesday night as the Redlegs open a two-game series with the Chicago Cubs.

Dick Yost Winner In Royal Oaks

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — Amateur Dick Yost of Portland put together a 70 and a 72 in the final 36 holes of the Royal Oaks Open golf tournament here Monday to capture the tourney title for the second year in a row.

Yost's total for 72 holes was 292.

Professional Bob McEnderick of Portland carded 76-75 and finished second with 288. He earned \$500 of the \$2,000 paid professionals.

Seattle pro Harry Umbinetti was third with a 290.

Other scores were: Dick Haskell, Seattle; Bill Schaffer, Kelso; Harold West, Pendleton, tied for fourth with 292; Leo Goulocher, Fort Angeles, 293; John Rudy, Tacoma, 293; Emory Zimmerman, unattached, 294; Bill Welch of Kennewick, 297; Fairer Smith, Seattle, 299; Dave Killen, Olympia, 301.

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FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By The Associated Press
Brooklyn-Joey Giardello, 151 1/2, New York, outpointed Billy Graham, 149 1/2, New York (10).

Brooklyn-Phil Morizio, 140, New York, outpointed Henry Winchman, 138, New York (8).

Chicago-Chester Mieszala, 162, Chicago, outpointed Ted Olla, 163, Milwaukee (8).

Midgets Open Second Round

Moose and Eastside Electric posted wins as the Midget Softball League opened its second round last night.

Moose clobbered Basin Building, 24-6 and Eastside beat VFW, 4-1.

In Pee Wee League play, Sesslers drubbed Condray's, 18-9 and Sprague River forfeited to Wilson Insurance.

Just a VFW-Basin Building game, scheduled tonight, remains to complete the first round in the Midget League. Parkmore won the first round with a 7-1 record.

Jack Hurley Eyes Return

SEATTLE (AP) — Manager Jack Hurley made a \$50,000 bid today for Rocky Marciano - Harry Matthews return fight in the Pacific Northwest not later than the first week in September.

The manager of Matthews, the Seattle light-heavyweight who suffered a second round knockout at Marciano's hands in New York a week ago said he made the offer on the chance the proposed Marciano match with Jersey Joe Walcott for the latter's world heavyweight title falls to develop.

Hurley did not specify what city he eyed as a prospective site, Boise, near Matthews' former home town in Idaho, has been mentioned prominently by Hurley in the past. Portland, Ore., or Seattle might be other possibilities.

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