

Ralph Weiser Signed To Meet Idaho Ring Battler

Promoter Mack Lillard has completed the top billing of November 19 armory boxing card, as he has signed Ralph Weiser with Jimmy Grow, the Lewiston lightweight with power packed punches for the 10 round main event, which should prove to be one of the most interesting bouts held in the armory for some time.

Lillard said yesterday afternoon, that the Beatty Bomber has been wanting a crack at Grow for some time, and Weiser is pulling no punches when he states he is going after a knockout over the highly publicized Idaho state lightweight champion.

INTERESTED
Manager Jack "Moe" Smith, who handles Grow, is interested in coming back to Klamath Falls with his fighter and has indicated that Weiser will be a very tough opponent for his boy, who will give away a slight weight advantage, but not enough to make too much difference.

The Idaho pugilist made a very impressive showing here in the last armory program when he disposed of George Price in eight rounds with two lightning fast blows that caught Price on his way in, and the Merrill battler's lights went out for the evening.

Since Grow's meeting with Price, he has had three fights, winning two by knockouts and fighting the other one to a draw. His KO came over Al "The Clown" Moore, who fans will remember for his fight with Weiser in the semi-windup to the Jimmy Byrne-Roger Smith main event, and Tony Flores who is recognized as one of the top lightweight candidates in the Pacific Coast, and just a few years ago was ranked high nationally. His draw was in a bout with Chuck Bruce.

REGISTERED
In 25 fights in the past two years, Grow has registered 22 wins, and three draws. Eighteen of those victories came via the knockout route. In his five years as a professional, the Lewiston flash has only lost two matches one to Jackie Moore in 1952 and to Bud McConnell in 1950, his first year fighting pro.

Weiser needs no introduction when it comes to fighting in the armory squared circle, and his followers are thinking quite strongly of the possibility that the Bomber might be the first opponent to KO Smith's fighter in five years of pro boxing.

Both fighters have fought Little Papa Brown, the Seattle lightweight, and both have picked up wins over the fast moving Washington prizefighter, but Weiser has also lost to Brown, giving Grow a slight comparative edge.

FILL OUT
Lillard is also looking for a couple of more preliminary card fighters who will fill out what could turn into a top flight program a week from this coming Friday.

The congenial matchmaker is seeking opponents for Duane McDaniel, the sharp punching Chiloquin battler, Bobby Barney the Sprague River KO artist, and two or three other local fighters who want to get into some quick ring action.

City League Hoop Practice Canceled
Due to the fact that Thursday is a school holiday, no City League basketball practice will be held tomorrow evening at the Mills grade school gym. Bob Bonney, city recreation director stated.

Practice sessions, which started last night, will open again next Tuesday and Thursday nights at the Mills gym for those who are interested in playing City League basketball this winter.



MANAGER Jack "Moe" Smith, right, and his hard-hitting lightweight, Jimmy Grow looks over telegram from promoter Mack Lillard notifying them of the November 19 fight date in the local armory. Grow has made one appearance here already and won quite a few supporters as he scored an eighth round knockout over George Price. Ralph Weiser, the Beatty Bomber, has been signed to meet the Idaho State lightweight champion, in the 10-round main event.

Colorado A&M Back Gains Weekly Honor

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It isn't unusual to praise a football player as a "one-man team." But quarterback Gary Glick of Colorado A&M came about as close as possible to earning that designation against Utah last Saturday. As a result he was chosen over strong competition today as Associated Press Back of the Week.

Glick, rated the top all-purpose back in the Rocky Mountain area, played almost the entire game with a painful right hand, which was stepped on early in the contest. As a result, his passing was a little off, but otherwise he wasn't hampered as far as Utah could notice.

Here's what the 193-pound junior did as the Aggies upset Utah, the defending Sky Line Conference champion 14-13:

Scored all his team's points, making a final 11-yard run for the second touchdown with a quick cut-

back after being hemmed in. Kicked the winning point with 55 seconds left to play.

Smashed through the Utah line to block Lou Mele's extra-point kick after the second Utah touchdown—the point that made the difference in the game.

Passed for 63 yards in 15 attempts; ran for 46 yards in 13 rushes and led all the defensive players with 15 tackles.

Intercepted a Utah desperation pass on his own 15-yard line as the final gun sounded.

This storybook performance overshadowed the statistically stronger feats of such players as Auburn's Joe Childress, George Walker, the 20-year-old Arkansas tailback; Baylor quarterback Billy Hooper; Army's speedy Tommy Bell; and Navy's George Welsh, who also received strong support from the sports writers and broadcasters in the weekly Associated Press poll.

Herald and News SPORTS

CLAYTON HANNON, Sports Editor

Rookie Gridder Pays Off

MACOMB, Ill. (AP) — The gentle hand of destiny which plucked freshman Jerry Thinees out of the grandstand and guided him to a story-book Frank Merriwell football role, is still at work.

Jerry, an unheralded 19-year-old is now the first-string quarterback at Western Illinois.

Jerry was sitting in the stands munching a hot dog Saturday watching Western and Eastern Illinois battle it out on the football field.

PILEUP
Suddenly there was a pileup of players and Western quarterback Bill Vandermerkt came off the field limping.

Coach West Stevens called on second string quarterback Ozzie Hyson. But Ozzie informed the coach he had aggravated an old hip injury during a pre-game drill.

The third string quarterback, Jerry Thomas, had a weak ankle, but was sent in anyway.

Stevens got an idea. He sent assistant Coach Bob Clow into the stands in search of Jerry. Clow found the former Chicago high school basketball star sitting with friends and eating hot dogs.

HUSTLED
Jerry was hustled into the dressing room and then onto the field. Not having worked with the varsity, Jerry didn't know a single play. While all this was going on, Western had lost its 0-0 lead and Eastern had tied the score.

Stevens quickly mapped out three plays for Jerry, wished him luck, and sent him in to replace Thomas.

The first three plays he called were passes. He completed all three for 60 yards and a touchdown and Western took a 13-6 lead. Despite further heroics by Jerry, Eastern scored another touchdown and the game ended in a tie.

But Jerry had earned his spot.

Oklahoma holds a 4-2 edge in the football series started in 1944 between the Sooners and Texas Christian University.

Hank Greenberg, general manager of the Cleveland Indians, once played semipro ball in Brooklyn.

TIME OUT



"Most unpopular guy in the game. You watch... any minute now he'll start wrestling dirty!"

Al Andrews To Meet Chico Varona

CHICAGO (AP) — Al Andrews, the 24-year-old middleweight of Superior, Wis., who recently kayed Gil Turner, will try to prove that he really possesses a knockout punch when he meets Chico Varona in a 10-rounder at Chicago Stadium Wednesday night.

The five-card show which co-features a 10-round bout between Chicago heavyweights Bob Satterfield and Johnny Holman will not be televised.

Twelve professional basketball double headers and 15 single games are listed for Madison Square Garden this winter.

Six former Michigan athletes are aides to football coach Bennie Oosterbaan.

Charges Made Of NCAA

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Blair Gullion, veteran basketball coach, charges the NCAA with "stepping in and taking away institutional controls" through a new rule which set a starting time for opening of formal court practice and the season.

The rule, which went into effect this year, prohibits colleges and universities from starting basketball drills until Nov. 1 and opening seasons before Dec. 1.

Gullion said Tuesday the rule, in its present form, works a hardship on players and "defeats the very purpose of the sport, which should be fun."

The Washington University (St. Louis) coach, predicting the rule "will be gone by next year," said it is no secret that some schools the candidates are working overtime to make up for lost time.

"I'd let schools begin practice sessions earlier," Gullion said, "and end the season sooner, say, on March 1."

League Team To Drop Franchise

OLEAN, N.Y. (AP) — The Olean Giants were out of the Class D Pony Baseball League Wednesday, leaving this city without a Pony entry for the first time since the league was formed in 1938.

In a move that was not unexpected, stockholders for the Giants voted Tuesday night to turn in their franchise at the annual meeting of the league's directors next week.

Olean wound up the 1954 season in seventh place with only 19,000 paying customers for the season.

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