

Grow, Weiser Meet Friday

Knockout Seen For Headliner

Boxing returns to the Klamath Falls Armory this Friday night, and a grand - slam program is being planned by promoter Mack Lillard as Idaho's lightweight champ, Jimmy Grow, will be making a return appearance in the armory ring this time against Ralph Weiser of Beatty.

The 10 round main event between Grow and the Beatty Bomber should be one of the finest 10 rounders held in the local ring for some time, with both fighters pointing for a knockout.

Weiser, who has been in training for some time, is working hard for this fight with the talented Lewiston battler, and is known by many to possess a powerful punch in both hands, which might give Grow some trouble should the Bomber connect with either a solid right or left.

It is unlikely that the fight will go the full distance, as both boys have the fighting ability to stop his opponent should they get the chance to throw their "Sunday punch."

Grow, who has run up three wins and a draw in four fights since appearing before the local ring public will weigh in for this fight in the neighborhood of 135 pounds, while Weiser will be close to the 133 pound mark, his best fighting weight.

These two fighters have never fought before, but since Grow's knockout victory over Merrill's George Price last August, Weiser has been clamoring for a match with the Idaho sensation who has speed and power behind each punch he throws.

Weiser is also planning to give the fans their money's worth in the four and possibly five supporting bouts that are lined up for the preliminary to the Grow - Weiser 10 round headliner.

In a six round semi - windup bout, which should be fast and furious as Chuck Rough meets Johnny Mark of Seattle, Rough, a Chilquin battler with a sharp fighting style, is future main event material, according to several of his followers, and will be out to prove this point at the expense of Mark.

The Seattle youth is not to be taken lightly, as are any of Bob Wark's fighters have shown quite well in recent armory meetings, such as Frankie Sharp, the boy who stopped Bobby Barney's string of KOs on the supporting card of the Grow - Price battle last summer.

In another scheduled six rounder, Barney, the Sprague River knock-out artist, is slated to tangle with Eddie Brown of Beatty, one of Weiser's sparring partners, in what is shaping to be a duplicate of the main event as both boys are pointing for a knockout and keeping the fight from going the full distance.

In one four round bout, P. K. Watson of Willow Ranch, will meet Junior Riddle, another Weiser stable mate, in a preview for Watson, who is an ex-KUHS boxer. Riddle, who has also been training with the Beatty Bomber should prove to be a tough test for the Willow Ranch fighter.

In two other four round matches, Dick Henry, of Beatty and the Weiser fighting machine, will probably meet Billy Plummer of Bly while Don Picard of Chilquin is still short an opponent, but Wark is bringing another fighter from Seattle with him for the brilliant punching Picard, according to latest word received by Lillard.

Tickets for the first boxing match of the season are on sale at Dick Reeder's Store for Men in Klamath Falls at the corner of Fifth and Main streets for the reserved seat sections. The early sale of tickets has been moving very good and quite a few of the choice ring side seats have already been taken.



TAKING TIME FROM training sessions, Jimmy Grow, right, the Idaho State Lightweight Champion wades into Max Baer, ex-World's Heavyweight king, as photographers get the inside view of how Grow punishes his opponents. The pint-sized boxer with a power laden blow meets Ralph Weiser, the Beatty Bomber, this Friday night at the armory in a ten-round main event of the first boxing card of the winter season.

Webfoot Remains In Lead

NEW YORK (AP)—No doubt about it. The three best passers in college football this year are Oregon's George Shaw, California's Paul Larson and Purdue's Lennis Dawson. All three wrap up their season's this Saturday and each apparently has a national title clinched.

According to NCAA statistics released Wednesday Shaw still ranks No. 1 in total offense, with Larson making a strong bid to overtake the leader and win the crown two years running. The California ace, meanwhile, has a new national pass completion record almost in hand.

Dawson, the youngster who upset Notre Dame, holds the lead in pass yardage.

Shaw, leading all season, has a total yardage net of 1,415 yards as he winds up against Oregon State. Larson takes a 1,375-yard total against Oregon State. Larson takes a 1,375-yard total against Stanford. Dawson, with 1,309, opposes Indiana.

Larson could become the second collegian to win the total yardage crown in successive years—Oklahoma A&M's Bob Penimore did it in 1944-45 and Drake's Johnny Bright pulled it off in 1948-50—but at worse he'll be tops in completions. Thus far he's hitting

Basin Hoop Leaguers to Meet

An organizational meeting for the Klamath County Independent Basketball League has been called for this Friday night at the Merrill High School starting at 7:30, according to Harold Hendrickson.

Anyone interested in playing for the league this year, managers of the teams or prospective managers and sponsors are urged to attend this first meeting of the year so an early starting date can be agreed upon, Hendrickson stated.

At 64.2 per cent, completing 111 of 173 tosses.

Shaw is second in completions with 86 and Dawson third with 81.

Larson's leading air yardage is 1,400, with Larson second on 1,387. The Purdue ace also has the most touchdown passes with 14.

In rushing, the top three ball carriers also rank as the leading scorers. And in the same order—Ari Luppino, Penn State's Lenny Moore and Army's Tommy Bell.

Luppino, a sophomore, looks like the champ in both departments with two games remaining while his closest competitors have but one. He has scored 133 points (only 20 short of the highest total in 34 years) and has rushed to 1,025 yards. Moore, a junior, has scored 78 points and netted 1,014 yards and Bell, in his final year, has scored 72 points and gained 914 yards.

Al Weil Disputes New Rule

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Al Weil, manager of world heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano, said last night he couldn't go along "at this time" with outlawing of the return contest clause in contracts for championship fights.

The ban was imposed yesterday by the World Boxing Championship Committee in London. It said it would not approve title fight contracts with return bout clauses.

Asked whether Marciano would defend his title without a return bout written into the contract, Weil said:

"When that time comes I will make my own terms."

"I am really surprised at this action," he said. "This is a free country and I am being paid to manage my fighter. He looks up to me to get matches and to help boxing, and he also looks to me to get the best financial deal possible. That's what I am paid for. I have always abided by the (New York) commission rules, but at

Younger, Joe Perry Lead Pros

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Paul Younger, familiarly dubbed the Tank, and Joe (Jet) Perry were waging a yard by yard struggle for the ground gaining title in the National Football League up to last Sunday.

League statistics disclosed Wednesday that Younger of Los Angeles and Perry of San Francisco averaged 6.7 yards each time they carried the ball. Perry held a slight edge in that the other flyer gained 636 yards on 98 runs against 619 yards on 91 attempts for the LA back.

HULKING Perry won ground gaining honors last year, while Younger, long hidden beneath the hulking shadow of Deacon Dan Towler on the Rams squad, managed only 350 yards in twelve 1953 games. Each team has four games remaining.

Younger, however, suffered a bad tear of the ligaments above and below the knee in last Sunday's game with the Chicago Cardinals. After an operation was announced that he is out for the season and may not play again.

Norman Van Brocklin continues to show the way with the quicker and less hazardous forward pass. Van Brocklin, also of the Rams, has posted a 10.33 per pass average with 87 completed of 176 for 1,818 yards and nine touchdowns.

SECOND Detroit's Bobby Layne, who has played in one less game, has jumped from fourth to second place in the passing race. Layne has tossed 128, completed 79 for 1,049 yards—8.2 average—and eight TDs.

Other departmental leaders are: Billy Wilson of San Francisco, pass receiving, 42 caught.

Bob Walston of Philadelphia, scoring, 27 points on 9 TDs, 27 conversions and 2 field goals. Doak Walker of Detroit pulled within 2 points of Walston with 78—4 TDs, 20 conversions, 8 field goals.

Van Brocklin, punting, 44.8 average.

this time I cannot go along with the ruling of the World Boxing Championship Committee.

While Weil dissented from the year-old committee, which was set up to standardize championships, Robert Christenberry of the New York State Athletic Commission said:

"For the first time in the history of boxing we have a committee which is determined to control the sport all over the world."

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