

# Ralph Weiser Dies After Ring Battle

## Basin Fans Mourning Ring Loss

Death struck a devastating blow to the Klamath Basin boxing world and the entire Pacific Northwest ring front shortly before five o'clock this morning as Ralph Weiser died at Hillside Hospital following his fight with Teddy Hall of Vancouver, B.C. at the armory last night.

The Beatty Bomber, who showed a great amount of sportsmanship that goes along with the fight game when he agreed to let the fight go on following a first round knockdown and disputed knockout of the Vancouver fighter, who misunderstood referee Wally Moss' count and took the full count instead of nine as he had thought he heard, suffered a ninth round knockout and his last action in the fight ring.

### POPULAR

Weiser, who is one of the most widely known boxers of this area, and one of the most popular pugilists around, took several hard blows to the body and head by the flashy little fighter during the following eight rounds, especially during the action of the seventh, eighth and ninth frames.

Midway in the next to last round of the scheduled ten-round bout, Hall uncocked a flurry of punches to Weiser's mid-section and head that sent the Basin favorite reeling back against the ropes, and only one blow following this landed, as Hall connected with a short-medium strength right cross and Weiser sank against the ropes then to the canvas.

As referee Wally Moss counted, the game fighter, who never knew when to quit and was always giving the fight fans all they asked for, as he did earlier in the fight when everyone wanted the fight to continue, tried to stand up and by the count of nine made it to his knees and then pitched forward on his face while holding on to Moss' legs for support.

### RUSHED

His seconds and manager rushed to his side and a doctor, who happened to be at ring side for the fight worked over the fallen Weiser for a number of minutes then Kaler's Ambulance took the unconscious fighter to the hospital.

The physician who was tending Weiser, stated last night that the lightweight might possibly have suffered a brain hemorrhage and showed signs of severe exhaustion when he checked the Beatty Bomber in the center of the ring before the ambulance arrived.

Hall, who is one of the most conscientious fighters in the business, was a bundle of nerves following the battle and paced the ring after the fight and continued his walking and signs of nervous strain in the dressing room later, and kept saying, "I hope he isn't hurt, I hope he isn't hurt," demonstrating the feeling of brotherhood all fighters have.

His manager, Bob Wark, who looked for his fighter to take a surprise win from Weiser, was also a person who helped Weiser over Weiser in the ring and took the accident very seriously following the time when the fallen foe was taken to the hospital.

Promoter Mack Lillard, who was up almost all night and with no sleep at all up to the time when he contacted the Herald and News early this morning, was also very shocked by the death of "one of his favorite fighters to work with," and stated that the Basin fight fans owe the Beatty fighter a lot of praise for what he has brought to them in his years of fighting.

### SEMI-WINDUP

In the six round semi-windup, Bruce Miller of Chilquien took a split decision from Little Papa Brown in what was a good bout to precede the unexpected fatality.

Miller grew stronger as the fight wore on and picked up enough points to edge the well-known Seattle fighter, who drew one of the three official votes when the decision was announced.

Eddie Brown of Beatty and one of Weiser's stable mates, took another split decision in his six round bout as he won over Joe Jackson of Seattle, in a bout that came very close to lulling the ring fans to sleep because of the vast amount of clinches that Jackson was bringing on with his unorthodox style of fighting.

In another six rounder and a battle between two heavyweights, Al Thompson of Beatty spotted Joe Quinlan of Seattle better than 20 pounds and came out with a draw as two of the judges thought it was an even match while the third gave the fight to Thompson.

Following the two four round bouts that opened what would have been a stellar fight card, if the accident of the main event had not marred the evening's program, these two big men of the ring looked extremely slow and awkward in their slow moving six round bout.

**DISPLAYED**  
Dustin McDaniel displayed some very good boxing in his four round decision over the heavier Orin Gamble of Seattle, as he shut Gamble's eye and cut his head, both fighters were stone tired as the final bell sounded showing that they went all out for that decision that the judges handed down to the Chilquien youth.

In the four round opener, which was one of the best curtain raisers seen in the local arena for some time, George Bray of Bonanza returned to the fight picture and took a decision from Pete Martinez in a bout that was accepted very well by the fight fans.



KISS ME AGAIN seemed to be the topic of conversation in last night's heavyweight bout of the preliminary card to the Ralph Weiser-Teddy Hall main event, as Al Quinlan of Seattle lands a right to the side of the head of Al Thompson of Beatty in a six-round match. The bout finished with a draw verdict from the three officials' ballots.

## Herald and News SPORTS

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## Wininger Leads Golf Open In Second Round

MIAMI, Fla., (AP)—"This is just the halfway mark. The pressure hasn't started yet."

Doing the talking was Bo Wininger, 22-year-old Oklahoma City professional whose spectacular putting in the second round vaulted him into the lead of the \$10,000 Miami Open. He started Saturday's round one stroke ahead of the field with a 68-66-134, five under par.

## Berra May Lose Position

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK (AP)—It is a matter of baseball record that no player ever has won the most valuable player award in his league one season and been beaten out of his job the following spring by a rookie. By anyone else, for that matter.

There always is a first for everything, though, and there is a strong feeling in local circles that Yogi Berra of the Yankees, who just received the honor for the second time within four years, may lose his backstopping job to Elston Howard, the slugging Negro star who won the same distinction with Toronto of the International League.

**THREATENED**  
This does not mean that Yogi is threatened with idleness. What ever happens, Casey Stengel will find something for his favorite ball player to do. It only means that the Yankees suddenly have so much high class catching talent on their hands they have to consider means of spreading it around.

There seems no doubt at all now that George Weiss, the Bombers' general manager, fully intends to bring Howard in for keeps next season and make him the first Negro ever to play with the club. One of the last of the holdouts, the Yanks made their intentions clear the other day when they signed the big St. Louis product to a parent club contract and hustled him down to the Puerto Rican League to cram in all the experience he can for the remainder of the winter.

**STRIDES**  
The word is that Howard, while no mean hand in the outfield, made some great strides as a catcher and handler of pitchers the past season that it would be almost an act of cruelty to take the so-called tools of ignorance away from him now. The Yankees also happen to have the game's best catching coach in Bill Dickey.

As for Berra, there is no question he can play the outfield if that is how his bosses decide to solve their pleasant dilemma. When Yogi first came up to stay in 1947 Manager Bucky Harris stationed him in right field much of the time, and the same in '48.

Lillard had planned on another boxing card for next Saturday night with Jimmy Grow of Boise, but due to the accident of last night's card, he will probably cancel the bout in honor of the deceased fight hero of the Basin boxing fans.

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## OTI Cagers Whip Lassen In Opener

SUSANVILLE, CALIFORNIA — Oregon Technical Institute's basketballing Owls opened their hoop season in good fashion last night at Susanville, California as they toppled the Lassen Junior College Cougars by a 50-51 score.

Starting slow and hampered by ragged ball handling by the Owls, the invading Oregonians led at the halftime by a close 39-32 margin, then exploded for this first win of the season.

Don Hubble and Johnny James were handicapped by four person-

## Martinez Whips Andrews

NEW YORK (AP)—Vince Martinez, the fighter with the managerial muddle, set his sights on a welterweight title bout by summer today after disposing of Al Andrews.

Phil Martinez, who does the talking for his brother since the break with Manager Bill Daily, says he understands Johnny Saxton will defend his welter crown against Carmen Basilio in February. He wants Vince to fight the winner.

Billy Brown, Madison Square Garden matchmaker, mentioned something about France's Charles Humes as a potential Martinez foe in February.

**EXPENSES**  
Daily, who didn't even have a man in the corner, said only, "I'll make more from this fight (Andrews) than from any other. I have no expenses this time."

Under orders of Chairman Bob Christenberry, the fighter's purse of about \$7,500 will be divided Monday at the offices of the New York State Athletic Commission. Vince gets 66 2/3 per cent, but the rest is cut into more pieces than a hash house pie. Daily gets 23 1/3 per cent but he splits it with Tex Pette, 10 per cent. If that doesn't add up to 100 per cent, blame it on Phil, he's the bookkeeper.

So much for money business. As far as the fight was concerned, Martinez, 154, staved off the charging Andrews, 154, with a slick left jab and rocked him with combinations in the 7th, 9th and 10th.

**UNANIMOUS**  
Referee Al Berli voted 8-1-1. Judge Frank Porco 8-2 and Judge Arlie Alda 7-3-1 to make it a unanimous 10-round decision for Martinez. The AP card also was 8-2 for Vince. A crowd of 4,735 paid \$15,732 to see the nationally televised contest.

This was Martinez' first fight since his managerial troubles were dragged before the Athletic Commission in an investigation that cost Daily \$500 for careless bookkeeping. It also was his first since Vince allegedly spurned a \$30,000 bribe offer to lose an Oct. 29 bout to Carmine Fiore. (Martinez won on a TKO.)

## Del Webb Says West Coast Asleep

KANSAS CITY (AP)—Los Angeles and San Francisco were asleep while Kansas City was working to get major league baseball. Del Webb, co-owner of the New York Yankees, said here Friday.

Webb said he hopes the California cities get major league baseball some day but "as of now there has been talk and no action."

Webb and the Yankees' manager, Casey Stengel, looked over remodeling work being done at the stadium for the Kansas City Athletics. The Philadelphia Athletics were bought and moved here by Arnold Johnson, Chicago businessman.

Describing himself as a Westerner, Webb said Kansas City had its top men working on the Athletics deal for six months.

Webb said "no city is going to get a major league franchise except by making itself ready. Los Angeles had a whole year in which to get ready but muffed its opportunity while, at the same time Kansas City acted and got the Athletics."

Webb, who denied he is opposed to major league baseball in Los Angeles and San Francisco, said the baseball enthusiasm in Kansas City is as great as that in Milwaukee, the National League's newest member.

**MANCHESTER, England** — Johnny Williams, 120, England, stopped Francis Coderet, 161, France, 4.

**MELBOURNE** — Mario Dacosta, 119, Italy, outpointed Billy Peacock, 117, Philadelphia, 12.

## BOWLING SCORES

| MOORE PA'S LEAGUE    |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| O'Hair's Chapel      | 35 17 |
| C. P. & W. W. Ward   | 25 21 |
| Merrill Moore        | 28 24 |
| Summers Tavern       | 26 24 |
| Lucky Lanes Fountain | 23 21 |
| Suburban Flower      | 22 30 |
| Lucky Lanes          | 21 30 |

Last night's results:  
O'Hair's 3, Merrill 1  
Lucky Lanes Fountain 1, Sub. Flower 3  
C. P. & W. W. Ward 4, Suburban Tavern 0  
Summers Lane 1, Lucky Lanes 2

O'Hair's Chapel copped both ends of the team scoring with their 982 game and a 2793 series total, while Lucky Lanes had a 953 game and C. P. & W. W. Ward team had 2699 pin series for second place honors in last night's Moore Pa's League action at Lucky Lanes.

Individual scoring went to Carl Brown with a 244 game and a 595 series. Second place honors went to Floyd Phelps with a 216 game and a 583 series.

Mel Robinson is still the leader of the season game averages with a total of 194 pins, while Charlie Booth is second with his 183 pin average.

| INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE    |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| People's Warehouse   | 34 18 |
| Chuck Wagon          | 34 18 |
| Greens 2, Commercial | 33 17 |
| Commercial Shell     | 30 32 |
| Car-Ad-Co            | 13 39 |

Last night's results:  
People's 4, Chuck Wagon 0  
Greens 2, Commercial 1  
Car-Ad-Co 2, Pacific 2

Leading the team scoring in both game and series honors last night at Lucky Lanes, People's Warehouse compiled a game tally of 931 pins and 2653 series margin, in Industrial League action.

Runnerup spots went to Car-Ad-Co with a 2693 series and Greens Roofing with their game of 223 pins.

Individual action was led by Bud Grems with his 570 series and a 203 game. Second place laurels went to Jules Hunt with a 556 series and Milt O'Brien with his 300 pin game.

## Linfield Tops Oregon College

MONMOUTH (AP)—Don Porter scored 24 points Friday night to lead Linfield basketball team to an 80-65 victory over Oregon College of Education.

Dave Sanford and Rube Rosen each scored 17 points for Linfield. Ron Jones was high for the losers with 15.

Linfield led 45-43 at halftime.

## Lutes Win Tilt

PORTLAND (AP)—Allan Gubrud and Dick Nordquist both contributed 17 points for the Pacific Lutheran Gladiators before they left the game via the foul route Friday night as the Lutes dumped Lewis and Clark, 84-73, in a non-conference basketball game.

Lewis and Clark's top scorers were Hal Adrian and Loren Michelson, who got 16 points apiece for the Oregon quint.

Led by the sharp shooting of Ray Johnson, who had 18 points for the evening, and Glen Steyskaki, who added another 11 points to the Malin side of the ledger, the Mustangs led at the quarter rest periods by scores of 17-2, 36-6 and 52-8 before racking up their final tally.

In the B game, Malin took a 51-21 victory from the little Huskies.

| SHORT SCORE:                                                                   |                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Malin (22)                                                                     | Pas. (21) MERRILL  |
| Steyskaki (11)                                                                 | P. (14) Schleich   |
| Rainis (2)                                                                     | P. (12) Barry      |
| Oliva (6)                                                                      | C. (12) Sherrill   |
| Travis (2)                                                                     | G. (10) Loper      |
| Johnson, R. (13)                                                               | G. (2) Johnson, L. |
| Subs for Malin: Myers (4), Saunders (5), Dikken (4), Owens (4) and Ingram (4). |                    |
| Subs for Merrill: Hunnicutt, Moore (4), and Hodges (2).                        |                    |

Officials: Kemmner and Van Orden.

## in BRIEF

**NEW YORK** — Larry (Yogi) Berra, New York Yankee slugging catcher, became the sixth-time winner of the American League's most valuable player award.

**OMAHA, Neb.** — Omaha replaced Columbus as the St. Louis Cardinals farm team in the American Association.

## Late Game Rally Gives Reno Win

A fourth quarter rally by the Reno Huskies put the clamps on the Klamath Union High School Pelicans last night at the new Reno High School gym as the Huskies took a 56-50 win from the invading Klamath team in the opening hoop action of the season for both clubs.

Led by Bobby Clements, the Huskies fought back from a third quarter Pelican lead of 42-39 after a hectic third period scoring drive by the invaders, and countered from outside for their victory in the first of two games to be played this weekend at Reno.

Reno, led by the 6 foot 8 inch center, Stan "The Man" Valentine, jumped to a 13-10 first period score and then held the halftime period lead by a 30-21 margin.

But Klamath wasn't to be denied as Dave D'Olive and Guy Munsell, along with little Jack Sunitich rambled with net ringing scoring talents to push the Klamath team in front by a 42-39, a three point margin.

Then Clements, the Huskies' sharp shooting set shot artist began hitting from out front and scored 12 points in the last half of the prep cage battle.

Reno tied the game up early in the fourth period on Clements' shooting and then surged ahead for keeps again due to the dead eye firing of the Huskies' forward.

D'Olive led the Pelicans with 13 points while Munsell was next in line with a total of nine counters. For Reno it was Clements with a point total of 18, with Len Marsdian and Valentine close behind with 13 and 11 points respectively.

In the preliminary game, the Reno Ramblers topped the Jayvees of the Nevada city high school by a 61-35 score.

The same two teams meet again tonight for the second game of the series.

| Box Score     |          |
|---------------|----------|
| KLAMATH (50)  | FG FT TP |
| Valentine (F) | 4 1 9    |
| Munsell (F)   | 4 1 9    |
| D'Olive (C)   | 5 3 13   |
| Sunitich (G)  | 4 1 9    |
| Love (G)      | 3 0 4    |
| Pepple        | 1 1 3    |
| Todd          | 2 2 4    |
| Perkins       | 0 2 2    |
| Calver        | 0 0 0    |
| Barber        | 0 0 0    |

TOTALS 18 11 39

| RENO (56)     |        |
|---------------|--------|
| Mokey (F)     | 2 0 4  |
| Clements (F)  | 8 2 18 |
| Valentine (C) | 4 3 11 |
| Marsdian (G)  | 2 2 12 |
| Paddy (G)     | 0 0 0  |
| Sloan         | 0 0 1  |
| Benoli        | 0 0 0  |
| Blacks        | 1 2 6  |
| Black         | 0 0 0  |
| Mokey         | 0 0 0  |

TOTALS 19 18 54

Halftime score: Klamath 21; Reno 21. Officials: Delauer and Quinlan.

## Willamette Rolls

CHICO, Calif., (AP)—Willamette rolled up a 44-36 halftime lead but lost, 59-77, to Chico State Friday night in the opener of a two-game basketball series.

The teams meet again here Saturday night.

Chico State forged in front for the first time with 10 minutes of the game remaining, 54-53. The lead changed hands several times until the California team went ahead 73-72 and then pulled away.

Guard Dave Gray led the Willamette team with 18 points. Chico's George Maderos was high for the game with 27.

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