

Commission Absolves Ring Officials Of Weiser Death

By CLAYTON HANNON

In an open meeting of the Klamath Falls boxing commission Saturday afternoon in the council chambers of the city hall, it was declared that no signs of negligence were present in Friday night's boxing match which claimed the life of Ralph Weiser, a well known Beatty fighter.

Weiser, who died early Saturday morning at Hillside Hospital following brain injuries sustained in the 19 round main event of the armory ring program, died of a massive cerebral hemorrhage, according to the reports presented at the hearing.

Dr. George H. Adler, who is the commission doctor and acted as the chairman of the three-hour hearing, stated following the gathering of the managers, officials, members of the commission and Teddy Hall, Weiser's opponent, that he thought it was a very unfortunate happening of fate, and expressed the deepest sympathies on behalf of the commission.

The first witness called to the stand at the hearing was Dr. J. Martin Adams, who was the acting judge physician in the absence of Dr. Adler.

Dr. Adams stated that he had checked all of the fighters before the bouts started and found all of them to be in normal health and could see no reason why any of the fighters would not be able to conform to the commission rulings governing a fighter's health.

When Dr. Adams checked the fallen fighter in the ring immediately following the knockout, he found Weiser's heart and pulse to be in normal response, and the same was found upon another thorough check of the Beatty Bomber at the hospital, but as time went on, life began to lose its important battle for the well known fighter.

An autopsy was performed by Dr. G. R. Nicholson, a member of both hospital staffs in Klamath Falls in the capacity of pathologist, and his report verified the fact that Weiser had died of a brain hemorrhage.

Dr. Nicholson's testimony also disproved any reports that the Jimmy Grow - Weiser fight or the Dixon Hoxsey - Weiser fight in the past month or two had any bearing on the fighter's death, since the hemorrhage was so massive that it would have had to happen in no more than 12 to 24 hours preceding the autopsy, which was held late Saturday morning.

Dr. Adler further explained this point as he indicated that the hemorrhage would have had to have happened in the ninth round of the fight, the same round that Weiser collapsed, because of the massive nature of the hemorrhage. If it had happened in the sixth or seventh rounds, the fight wouldn't have lasted the nine rounds it did.

Wally Moss, the commission referee, who holds an official's license in 36 of the 48 states of the nation, was the next witness and the major share of his questioning was based on the first round knockdown and disputed knockout of Hall.

The explanation, which came from the ring rule book, this and many other commissions follows, was made by Moss as he pointed out that it was Weiser's fight and he could have allowed the battle to go on or call it quits with a knock-out victory to his record, even though Hall was perfectly all right to continue fighting.

Moss, who was criticized by many fight fans following the bout for permitting the fight to continue, was acting under the rules of the National Boxing Commission and was in his own rights to let the fight go, providing Weiser wanted it that way, and he did.

Promoter Mack Lillard, who is appointed and works under the commission rulings, was a later witness at the hearing and he stated his wholehearted support of Moss, who he said is a qualified official and competent to work matches in any ring in the country.

Lillard also mentioned that he couldn't see any reason for the bout to be stopped due to Weiser's condition while fighting.

TESTIMONY
Following Moss' testimony, Frank Steele, timekeeper at the bout, appeared on the stand for a short session before the commission and reassured the group that Moss had not given Hall a long or short count in the first round knockdown.

Hall and his manager Bob Wark were also called to the stand by the commission and both of them said the knockdown ruling here differs with those he has fought under before.

In several cities, the count doesn't start until the fighter delivers the punch arrives at a neutral corner, in Klamath Falls hits the canvas. This is the reason Hall misunderstood Moss' count in the initial round and knowing he had to take an eight count, he stayed down instead of bobbing right back up, as all of the witnesses testified they thought he was able to do.

Hall, who was greatly disturbed by the tragedy, said that he thought he might give up the ring business because of the accident. Hall also mentioned that Weiser was just as strong in the ninth with his blows as he was in the first two or three rounds.

HANDLED
Wark, Hall's manager, who has also handled Weiser in fights before, especially in Washington and northern fight circles, thought Weiser was slowing down in the sixth or seventh round, but as the Seattle light manager mentioned, "he did this often, like he might be getting his second wind for the final two or three rounds."

Weiser's handler and acting manager, C. E. "Red" Milhorn took the stand before the commission and stated that in test questions delivered to his fighter between rounds, the deceased fighters answered all of them perfectly, and showed no signs of being in danger. Milhorn also asked the Bomber if he was hurt or if anything was the matter, but the reply was negative, except he said he was "a little bit tired" at one time.

Milhorn was against going on

with the battle after the disputed count in the first round, but because he was not the signed manager for Weiser and was only acting as a handler, he went along with the fight only upon Weiser's say so. As the local handler stated, "he had the last say in any matters of that nature."

CONFUSED
Milhorn also said he thought that Hall was confused during the first round count, but that Hall was confused more by Weiser's blows than by misunderstanding the count procedure. Milhorn also mentioned in answer to a question asked by a commission member, that his boy had allowed a little, but not to any point where he was unable to protect himself from Hall's blows.

District Attorney Frank Alderson, who was invited to the hearing by Dr. Adler said afterwards,

Rosburg Captures Miami Open
MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Bob Rosburg, a poly-poly young man who almost wasn't there, pocketed the \$2,000 first prize money in the Miami Open Golf Tournament after a display of putting that had spectators bug-eyed.

"I had decided not to come down for this one. It's a long way to Miami from California and I didn't think it would be worth the trip," the San Francisco putting perfectionist said yesterday after winning his first major tournament. "Now I'm awfully glad I changed my mind."

The chubby, 28-year-old Rosburg's putting was at a peak in the final round over the par 35-35-70, 6,620-yard Miami Springs course. His ability to stroke them in from as far as 50 feet away enabled him to vault from a tie for sixth, two strokes off the pace, into first place. His sensational 33-33-65 gave him a 273 total, 7 under par.

Bo Winger, Oklahoma City, tied for the lead with National Open champion Ed Furgol, St. Louis, and Ted Kroil, New Hartford, N. Y., after three rounds, was the only one of that trio who managed to break par yesterday and his 69 gave him second place, one stroke behind Rosburg, and \$1,400 prize money.

Doug Ford, Klamath Lake, N. Y., the 1953 winner, shot a fine 67 to pull into third place with 275. He collected \$1,000.

Furgol and Kroil took 70s and tied for fourth at 276 with former Open champ Julius Boros, Mid Pines, N. C., and Pete Cooper, Tampa, Boros, the first-round pace setter, had a 69 and Cooper carded a fine 67.

One stroke back were Herman Barron, White Plains, N. Y., and Art Wall Jr., Pocono Manor, Pa. Each had a 66 in the final round.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

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DORTMUND, Germany — Rex Layne, 207 3/4, Lewiston, Utah, drew with Heinz Neuhaus, 214 3/4, Germany, 10.

BOSTON — Peter Mueller, 155, Germany, outpointed Joe Miceli, 148, New York, 10.

HAMILTON, Bermuda — Nino Valdes, 208 1/2, Cuba, stopped Jimmy Walls, 183, Englewood, N.J., 2.

HAVANA — Puppy Garcia, 126, Cuba, stopped Tony Grasso, 124, United States, 2.

HOLLYWOOD — Charlie Sawyer, 148, Los Angeles, stopped Bobby Morales, 153, Mexico, 2.

that he could see no signs of negligence on the part of anyone, and classified it as a "tragic accident." Dr. Adler summed up the meeting, which was well attended by relatives of the deceased and many ring followers, clearing any of the ring officials for the death and said, "If we would have been able to overcome the accident, believe me, we would have."

Top Hoop Teams Bite Dust

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The betting today is that no college basketball team will go through the season with fewer than two or three defeats.

The campaign is less than two weeks old and already teams tapped for outstanding court seasons have been dumped unceremoniously from the u.s.b.a. e a t e n class.

Exactly half of the top 10 teams in the Associated Press preseason poll bit the dust for the first time Saturday. They were Duquesne (No. 3), Iowa (No. 4), Holy Cross (No. 5), Niagara (No. 8) and Notre Dame (No. 9), Indiana (No. 6) was beaten earlier in the week.

In addition, 11th-ranked Oklahoma A&M was knocked off by were 12th-rated St. Louis, perennially powerful Western Kentucky, North Carolina, Fordham, Army, Texas Christian and San Francisco. Duke, Penn State, Wake Forest and Kansas State also have been beaten.

POWERFUL
La Salle and Kentucky, one-two in last week's AP poll, still were among the unbeaten but not before they were handed real, honest-to-goodness scares. The Explorers, behind from the opening whistle, were forced into overtime before kicking out a 76-75 victory over Niagara. It took a desperation shot by Bob Maples with only six seconds left for La Salle to register its fourth triumph.

Kentucky had its toughest game since it last was beaten, by St. John's in 1952, edging Xavier of Ohio 73-69 for its 27th straight. The Wildcats led by only 70-69 with less than a minute remaining.

Dayton and North Carolina State, ranked seventh and 10th respectively in the AP poll, improved their prospects with rebounding victories. The Flyers of Ohio won their fourth in a row, burying Bowling Green 109-29, and the Wolfpack notched their fifth straight with a 56-53 win over Eastern Kentucky.

The biggest shock was George Washington's 71-64 under Steve Bowl triumph over Duquesne, which admittedly was handicapped by the absence of St. Green, its spectacular scorer. Green was out with an attack of appendicitis. Joe Holup led the Colonials with 26 points.

SURPRISE
Iowa's 97-94 loss to Missouri also came as a surprise since the Hawkeyes are favored to capture the Big Ten title.

Indiana's Big Ten defending champion, whipped Notre Dame 73-70 Saturday to hand the Irish their first home defeat since February 1952.

Holy Cross, rated one of the best teams in the East, was rocked by St. John's of Brooklyn, blowing a 35-33 halftime lead to bow 93-73. Oklahoma's Aggies suffered their first loss at the hands of Illinois 59-53.

BOWLING SCORES

ALLEY KATZ LEAGUE

Troy V. Cook	40	2
Poteet's Market	43	13
Swan Lake Moulding	23 1/2	20 1/2
Louie's Foods	24 1/2	21 1/2
Medo-Land	20 1/2	25 1/2
J. W. Kerns	21 1/2	24 1/2
Balizer Oil	21 1/2	24 1/2
Sunrise Service	18 1/2	27 1/2
Cyster Lake Creamery	16	24
Perkins News	4	24

Joyce Ross with a 516 series and Lynne Albert with her 309 high single game score registered the honors in the individual scoring action of last night's Alley Katz League at Lucky Lanes.

Runner-up spots went to Ross with a 198 game and Vivian Wise with a 485 series.

Troy V. Cook took a 2493 series and 849 game to lead the team scoring action. Poteet's had the number two series of 2436 pins, while J. W. Kerns had a 821 game.

Tulelake Wins

Tulelake Honkers led by the floor playing of Mike Purves took a close 47-43 victory from the Malin Mustangs at Tulelake last Saturday night in a non-league game for both teams.

Purves scored 14 points to take second high honors of the evening. The high scorer was Tulelake's Duif Adams with 18. High man for Malin was Ray Johnson with a total of 12 counters.

Malin won the preliminary game as their B team wrapped up a 57-50 game over the Honker B's.

Short score:
Malin (42) POS (47) Tulelake
Suevalat (41) P (5) Manceau
Bairus (40) P (18) Adams
Oliva (38) C (12) Skalsky
Travis (10) G (14) Purves
Johnson (12) G (0) Dalie
Subs for Malin: Dokken (7), Subs for Tulelake: Smith, Official: Douglas and Dre.

RACING

ALBANY, Calif. — Determined (83) became the nation's leading money winner for 1954, winning the \$25,000 added Golden Gate Handicap at Golden Gate Fields.

GOLF

MIAMI, Fla. — Bob Rosburg, a 28-year-old San Francisco newcomer, won the \$10,000 Miami Open with a 7 under par 273.

Washington Whips BYU; So. California Trips Beavers

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Northern Division basketball teams hit the road again this week and next as the loop nears the end of its schedule of pre-season warmup games.

Oregon State travels to San Francisco for a pair of weekend games in the Cow Palace, while Washington flies to Manhattan, Kansas, for a single contest Saturday with Kansas State.

Oregon has the longest trip—Ohio, for a single clash Tuesday, flight to Louisville for a game next Monday, then to Dayton, and to Detroit for a singleton Wednesday.

REMAIN
Idaho and Washington State will remain in or near their own backyards. Idaho entertains California Poly at Moscow Tuesday (tomorrow), and Montana Saturday. Washington State plays Eastern Saturday.

Oregon State's opponents in the Cow Palace will be the University of San Francisco and Santa Clara, two of California's toughest independents. The Beavers play USF Friday and Santa Clara Saturday, then return home for a game with Seattle University next Tuesday.

Weekend action saw Northern Division teams break even with three wins and three losses. Washington State beat Whitworth 98-62 and Idaho edged Utah State 90-88 in overtime. Washington and Brigham Young also went into overtime and BYU pulled out with a 69-64 victory to even the series at a win apiece. Washington won Friday 94-44. Southern California took two straight from Oregon State, 53-35 Saturday and 45-43 Friday.

Oregon was idle.

In the Saturday game at Corvallis, OSC took an early lead but couldn't hold it. The Beavers went out in front 6-2 in the opening minutes but Soucal sank three straight baskets and was never headed. The Trojans led 27-13 at the half. Trojan guard Dick Welsh was high scorer with 19 points. Ron Robins led OSC with 10.

SPARKED
At Provo, Utah, a late Washington rally sparked by Doyle Perkins sent the game into overtime. With only seconds remaining, Perkins' jump shot gave the Huskies a 53-50 lead. Two BYU field goals and a Washington foul shot tied it at 54-54 at the end of the regular period. The Cougars dominated play in the overtime to hand

the Huskies their first loss in four starts. Washington State pulled a thriller out of the fire despite a 38-point scoring spree by Whitworth's 6-10 center Phil Jordan. The lead changed hands half a dozen times as the teams battled down to the wire. Whitworth led 21-13 midway of the first half but WSC rallied to lead 35-34 at the intermission. Sophomore forward Larry Beck paced the Cougar attack with 22 points.

Idaho and Utah State staged one of the highest scoring contests in years in the clash at Moscow. The score was tied 76-76 at the end of the regular period and the teams scored a total of 26 points in the overtime.

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