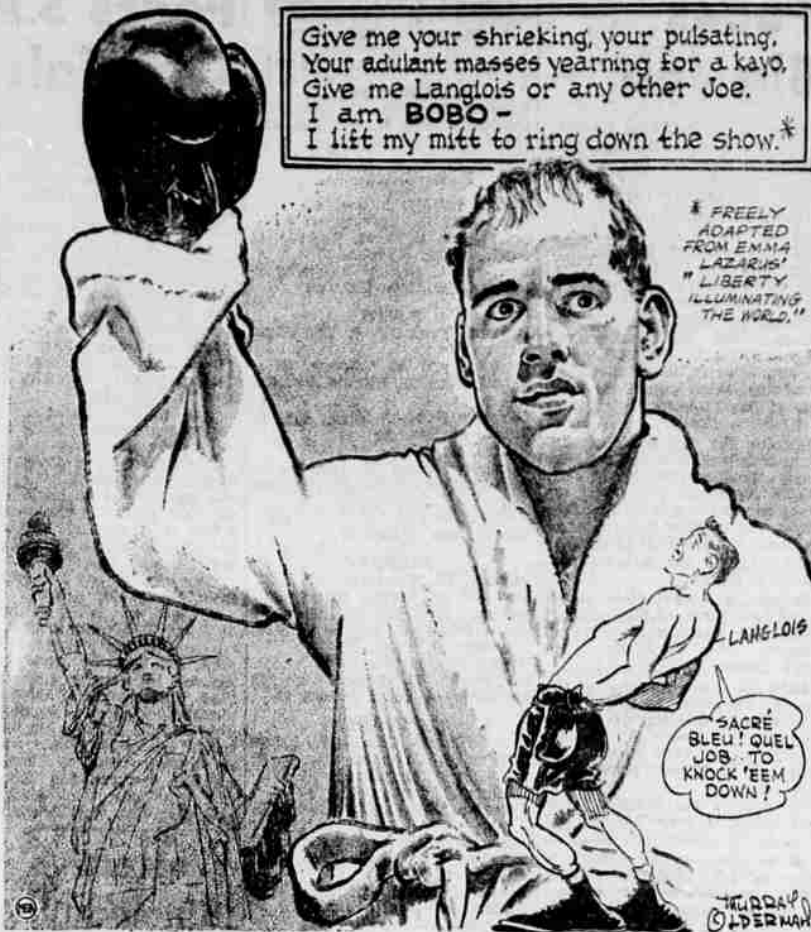


By LINES from the SIDELINES

by CLAYTON HANNON

Bobo Dominating the World

Give me your shrieking, your pulsating,
Your adulant masses yearning for a kayo.
Give me Langlois or any other Joe.
I am BOBO -
I lift my mitt to ring down the show.*



SPORTSMANSHIP is a funny thing. Everyone connected with athletes of any sort is urged to follow the golden rule of sportsmanship. Ralph Weiser did and he died because of this number one rule of the world.

The well-liked Beatty fighter lost his life following a 10 round main event fight with Teddy Hall of Vancouver, B.C. last Friday night at the armory, in a fight that he didn't have to continue after the first round, but he did.

Weiser, as many ring followers know, wanted to please everyone from the ring officials to the fan sitting in the cheapest seat in the house, this he did Friday night when he refused to take a KO win over Hall in the first round.

Instead he wanted to give Hall another chance and above all "give the fans their money's worth."

The fight continued and the game fighter, known around the Pacific Northwest light circles as a great competitor, lost his life, the most important battle of his career.

After the death of Weiser, several of the fans took a verbal blast at referee Wally Moss, promoter Mack Lillard and the boxing commission, but why? It wasn't their fault that the Bam ring hero isn't fighting any longer.

THESE SAME fans would have been the first ones to run Moss, Lillard and the commission right out of town, had they stopped the fight in the first round. Some people aren't satisfied with anything.

In the Saturday afternoon hearing, the commission met in an open meeting and cleared all of the officials for the accidental death. Probably one person who felt the blow most was Moss, who regarded Weiser as a good friend and the referee maintained to himself that if he stopped the fight, this wouldn't have happened, but he had the right to continue as long as Weiser wanted to fight.

According to the ring rules of the National Boxing Commission, the pattern which the local commission follows, the referee has the right to allow the fight to continue providing the fighter scoring the knockout wants it that way. Hill, who stated at the hearing that this was his first time to be knocked down in his fighting career, because confused when Moss started his count at six instead of one.

In Klamath Falls' fights, the timekeeper at the ringside picks out the count as soon as the fallen fighter hits the canvas, but in the other places where Hall has fought and stopped several fighters for the 10-count, the referee doesn't start counting "until I'm in a neutral corner," Hall told the commission in the hearing. "That is what confused me."

THOSE FANS who thought that Weiser was faltering in the mid-way rounds of the fight and thought something should be done about stopping the fight, this came out after the fight, not during should have talked to Hall, who mentioned several times that he had no idea that his opponent was in danger. In fact, the Vancouver Negro made mention of the fact that Weiser hit him with several hard punches in the eighth and ninth rounds, showing he was still able to fight.

The loss of this well-liked fighter will hinder boxing in this community for some time, especially to Lillard, who always held high regard for Weiser and his work.

When the Beatty Bomber said he would take a fight to one week or two, you could depend on him to be ready and in good shape to meet any opposition. Lillard told us many times.

The move that is circulating around town at this time, and a worthy one at that, is to have a benefit boxing card and the money be given to a "Weiser Children Fund."

TWO FIGHTERS who have appeared on local cards are being sought to come back and one has even gone as far as to say he would donate half of his purse to this fund. They are Teddy Hall and Jimmy Grow.

If Hall comes back to fight in the armory for such a program, instead of giving up the ring business as he stated several times he might do, it will be the greatest showing of ring sportsmanship seen by fight fans in this area and possibly the nation.

A committee will be established to designate just how this money from the benefit card should be appropriated to the children of the deceased fighter.

When this fight comes forth, it will be the time when Joe Boxing Fan gets his chance to show appreciation for the performance the Indian fighter has made in his seven years of boxing here and around the Northwest.

Pacific Rolls

OLYMPIA (U) - Forward Norm Hubert dunked 49 points Monday night to lead Pacific University of Forest Grove, Ore., to a 78-63 win over St. Martin's in a non-conference basketball game here.

Skip Olson was high for the Jokers with 21.

Pacific led 37-30 at the intermission.

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Langlois Gets Big Chance In Title Meet With Bobo

By HARRY GRAYSON

The New York Boxing Writers' Association did not select Carl Olson as the man who has done the most for boxing for nothing.

It wasn't even close, and Bobo Olson will still be the fighter-of-the-year after his 15-round defense of the middleweight championship against Pierre Langlois in San Francisco, December 13. In the spacious Cow Palace that early evening, Langlois, the fairest Cauliflower of All France, as someone nicknamed this glorified club fighter, will suspect that he is a guy in a red shirt being chased by an infuriated bull.

Langlois, the 26-year-old, balding Hawaiian-Portuguese-Swede, is far and away the best all-around prize fighter in the business today.

CHOICE Because the 19-year-old Langlois tries to win and not just stay Olson, the choice at 4-10-1, has a chance to bust him up to such an extent that the fight will be stopped any time after the 10th round.

One thing is for sure. Langlois has the heart and can be depended upon to be in condition. He makes no attempt to run and hide like Rocky Castellani. He may lack considerable of Castellani's ability, but possesses vastly more taste for the sour science. He fights to the best of his meager ability.

Langlois, who has campaigned in this country since June of 1952, early this year lost to Gil Turner, beat Pedro Gonzales, and repulsed by Carmine Basilio and upset Joey Giardello in 10 in May.

The latter, for the time being at least, knocked Giardello out of consideration for an Olson match, something Sid Flaherty, manager of the Waikiki Walloper, wanted as an extra special payday.

TOPPED After Langlois topped Giardello, in what was considered a tremendous reversal of form, Jean Bretonnel, his handler and trainer, waited — and wisely as it turned out.

It was as though he knew Giardello would injure a knee in an automobile accident, which is what the lovable Brooklyn character did before taking to beating up South Philadelphia gas station attendants with his crutch. Anyway, the auto mishap gave Langlois the big opportunity.

If all the gladiators were like Olson and managed by guys like Flaherty the beak busting business would not have so much unfavorable publicity.

Flaherty, the old horse trader, keeps Olson as busy as his fighter is in the ring. This is Bobo's seventh outing this year. He takes them as they come, the names and the reputations. When the International Boxing Club has a big one, the champion is there. When the Saturday Night Fights have a date to fill, the titleholder is pleased to oblige. Anything for the good of the game.

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By KEN JACKSON

PULLMAN, Wash. (U) - No "rooms," but a well balanced squad that should score more wins than give Northern Division opponents many bad nights is the basketball team at Washington State College this season.

There doesn't appear to be enough tall timber to build a title team, but the Cougars should do much better than their cellar standing and won-4, lost-12 record of last season.

"We'll be stronger, with better shooting and more backboard strength," says Coach Jack Friel, starting his 27th year on the Pullman campus.

STATEMENT That optimistic statement from the cagey veteran should be adequate warning for WSC's opponents.

Four starters are back from last year's team, but two surprising newcomers and a transfer have shown they intend only two or three of the veterans to remain in the first unit.

Bruce Olson, 6-foot-5 forward-center, may give the Cougars the added scoring punch and rebound strength they need for a better-than-expected season. The Tacoma sophomore was high scorer for the WSC team last term and his excellent hook shot and all-around good floor play have made him the best new prospect.

A "mystery transfer" from Southern California, Junior Doug King, is battling Olson for a forward position. He has plenty of beef on his 6-foot-4 frame and is hard to move out of position under the backboard.

Another sophomore, 6-foot-3 Larry Beck of South Bend, Wash., is an almost certain starter. The transfer from Grays Harbor Junior College hits well from the key or front.

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BOWLING SCORES

TRANSPORTATION LEAGUE

Player	Score
Kalpine "A"	21
Kalpine "B"	23
Inter-City Waterboys	27
A and B Point	22
Modoc Building	21
Timberway Flower	21
Macdonald Tavern	27
KFJ	23
Herald and News	26
Superior Trol	18 1/2
Specialized Service	13 1/2
KFJ	14

Last night's results:
Kalpine "A" 4 Inter-City 6
Modoc 4 Superior 6
Macdonald 4 KFJ 6
Kalpine "B" 3 KFLW 1
Herald-News 2 Timberway 3
Specialized 2 A and B 3

John DePape rolled the high series for the season in last night's Transportation League action at Lucky Lanes, as he with a 244 series and Lloyd Davis with his 226 game topped honors for individual play.

Runners up in game action was John Bailey with his 217 while Harry Bray and Bailey contributed series scores of 585 and 583 pins.

Team scoring went to Macdonald Tavern with a 554 game and a 2693 series. Second place in both events went to Modoc Building with a 948 game and 3720 three line total.

MOOSE MA'S LEAGUE

Player	Score
Lucky Lanes	26
Klamath Flower	26
Inter-City	20
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Louie's Ponds	26 1/2
Timberway Flower	26
So. Ore. Music	24 1/2
Farmers Lumber	24 1/2
Inter-City	23 1/2

Last night's results:
Schneider's 31 Farmers 1
Inter-City 2 So. Oregon 3
So. Oregon 3 Lucky Lanes 1
Louie's 2 Bings

Individual scoring action of last night's Moose Ma's League play at Lucky Lanes as LaRayne Harris with a 559, Elton Hagley with a 557, Elaine Pickard with a 539, Vi Kenaston a 515 and Margaret Paschal with her 507 all registered high series marks.

In the individual game scoring, Harris was tops with her 213 game to complete a scoring honors sweep for the evening. Joyce Ross had a 206 score.

Team scoring went to So. Oregon Music with a 531 game and a 2667 series. Klamath Flower had a 910 game and a 2563 three line tally.

Qualifying Round Led By Congdon

PORTLAND (U) - Durable Chuck Congdon, the Tacoma veteran, carded a sparkling 3-under-par 69 Monday to win the top spot in the Northwest qualification round for the Bing Crosby pro-amateur tournament.

Congdon's 69 was two strokes better than the next three qualifiers, Harry Glow, Harvey Bunn and John Langford, who is in Portland.

The fifth qualifier for the Crosby pro-am at Pebble Beach, Calif., Jan. 14-16 was Salem's Bunny Mason, who won a playoff for the last spot in regular play at par 72.

The alternate posts were won by Joe Steiger and Wendell Wood, both of Eugene, who turned in 72s.

Other scores:
Leo Gaulocher, Olympia, 73; Joe Greer, Yakima, 72; Glen Spivey, Longview, 72; Bill Welch, Kennewick, 74; Dick Hassell, Seattle, 74; Harold West, Pendleton, 75; Ken Tucker, Everett, 75; Lloyd Nordstrom, Seattle, 76; John Rudy, Tacoma, 76; Jim Russell, Walla Walla, 76; Ray Honsberger, Seattle, 78.

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NBA Withdraws Title Recognition

NEW YORK (U) - The National Boxing Assn. withdrew recognition of Sandy Saddler as world featherweight champion today but the boxer's manager defiantly said he'll defend "when he's ready and that will be February."

Bob Christenberry, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, sat in the middle and said:

"I'll watch this with a great deal of interest. I certainly will take no action before our commission meets (Friday). I have found the NBA hasn't always been a solid front. I also recall something about titles being won and lost in the ring."

There was no if, whereas or maybe about the NBA's position, announced at its Cleveland convention Sept. 14 and restated by Henry Lamar, its executive secretary.

"At the National Boxing Assn. convention in Cleveland Sept. 14 it was unanimously voted that title recognition would be withdrawn if Sandy Saddler failed to defend his world featherweight title against either of two logical contenders (Percy Bassett or Red Top Davis) within 90 days."

"Saddler has failed to defend his title within the prescribed period. As of today, Dec. 14, 1954, the National Boxing Assn. withdraws title recognition from boxer Sandy Saddler."

Lamar also commented:

"We gave Saddler every chance to make a bout. He was discharged from the Army and has made no move to defend his title although he has had seven bouts since leaving the Army."

In Providence, R.I., Tony Petronella, NBA president, said this was the beginning of a new get-tough policy with all champions.

Petronella said the