

Sandy Saddler Heavy Choice

No Odds Given In Title Bout

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Sandy Saddler, despite giving a way 10 years in age, is favored so strongly to defend successfully his featherweight boxing title against Flash Elorde tonight that there aren't any odds posted on the outcome.

The word on fight row here was that the only waning was on when the scheduled 15-round title match at the Cow Palace would end.

Saddler raised his age to 32, three years over the "official" record book figures, during his training stint here. Elorde, the Filipino champion of the Orient, is 22.

Interest in the fight was low locally. Promoter Bonnie Ford optimistically forecast a crowd of 5,000 and a gross gate of \$30,000, but the feeling generally was that his figure was high.

Cherley Johnston, Saddler's manager, was notified by a California State Athletic Commission announcement that Ray Flores would replace Jack Downey as the referee. Downey worked a non-title bout here last month between Saddler and Davey Gallardo, and Johnston contended he failed to maintain discipline in the ring.

Saddler won the bout by a technical knockout in a bloody melee.

Elorde won a decision over the champion in Manila last summer.

Saddler won the crown originally in 1948, lost it four months later and regained it in 1950. Since then he's been unbeatable with the title at stake, numbering among his victims seven foreign fighters. He has a record of 152 victories, 100 by knockouts, in 159 fights.

Elorde, ranked ninth among the world's featherweights, has won 27 in 37 bouts.

Tonight's fight will be televised nationally at 10 p.m., EST.

Malin Whips Bonanza 67-46

Jim Conroy's Malin Mustangs galloped to a non-league basketball victory Tuesday night at Bonanza as they turned back the Antlers 67-46.

The Mustangs led all the way, but didn't jump beyond the 11-point mark until the final period of play. The first quarter gave Malin the nod 25-14, and at halftime the scoreboard figures read 35-26.

The third quarter final stood 47-36. Norm Oliva, Malin pivotman, dumped 21 points for the Mustangs, while Roger Dokken added 14 and Glen Steyskal tallied 11.

High for the Antlers were Ron Roberts and Warren Dye with 16 and 11.

In the preliminary game, Malin knocked off the Bonanza Bs 44-25.

Shortscore:

Pos. Malin (67) Bonanza (46)

P. Dokken (14) Thomas (6)

F. Steyskal (11) Dye (11)

G. Oliva (21) Kennedy (6)

C. Johnson (8) Burnett (10)

G. Saunders (4) Roberts (16)

Subs for Malin: Rick (5) Dobry (2)

Harmon (12)

Subs for Bonanza: Jansen (3)

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Reds Sweep Skate Honors

DAVOS, Switzerland (UP)—Russians swept the first three places in an amazing show of strength Wednesday in the 500 meter sprint opening the four-day Swiss international speed skating races.

Americans were soundly beaten.

The performance stamped the Russians as favorites in the Winter Olympic games which begin at Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, Jan. 26.

A 20-year-old Soviet army private with no previous record in international competition, Rafail Grishin, won first place with the speedy time of 41.1 seconds. This was only three-tenths of a second over the world mark.

Second place went to Evgenii Grishin, who holds the world record in the 1,000 and 1,500 meter events. In third place was Jurij Sergeev, who set the present world mark of 40.8 last Jan. 19.

America's two Olympic hopefuls, Ken Henry of Chicago and Don McDermott of Englewood Cliffs, N.J., who were first and second in the 1952 Olympics at Oslo, finished far down the list.

Henry wound up in a tie for 12th, timed in 43.4 seconds. McDermott was in a five-way tie for 16th in 43.5.

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READY FOR A BIG week of action is Dave Leeling, senior Klamath Union High School wrestler. Dave, a letterman grappler and defending district champion, and other members of the Pelican mat squad will face Medford Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Pelican Court in a conference match to open their week's agenda. Friday night the Pel grapplers invade Lebanon and Saturday they face the University of Oregon Frosh in the preliminary to the Oregon-WSC coast conference match at Eugene. The following Monday night the Pels are at home to the Oregon State College Rooks.

Profess'onal Football Future Bright—Halas

LOS ANGELES (UP)—The future of professional football is so bright that it dazzles Mr. George Halas, president and retiring coach of the Chicago Bears.

Here to attend the annual National Professional Football League meeting, the Papa Bear said:

"The golden era of professional football will be in the next decade."

"We are just getting started. I think our 12-team set-up is fine for right now until we become stabilized. But about in 1960 I can envision a 16 team league, with two divisions of eight teams each."

"One of my regrets about leaving the coaching ranks is the fact that I won't get an opportunity to coach in such a great league as this one will be."

Halas has been with the league since its incorporation—but never has he been as optimistic as he is right now. The 54-year-old increase in attendance last year may have something to do with his thinking—but obviously he has had expansion ideas for some time.

He is particularly high on the idea of a franchise for the city of Dallas, Tex., and possibly such towns as Buffalo, N.Y., and Miami, Fla., and possibly the Minneapolis-St. Paul area.

"But before we can even consider expanding," he goes on, "we have to be sure we are well set in the cities in which we now play. I'm the first to admit that we may have one or two weak spots in our league right now."

When there is talk of expansion at this meeting, there never seems to be any mention of such great metropolitan centers as Boston or St. Louis, which are fine major league baseball cities. Of course, George Preston Marshall

shall of the Washington Redskins got his financial come-uppance in Boston, so that may rule out that city.

But Halas is very sincere in his idea of expanding to 16 teams—but not before 1960.

"And I think we should all be in one league with two divisions, so that we can play a couple of inter-division games each year," he says. "I think the baseball people in the American and National Leagues are missing a great bet there."

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Oregon's top high school basketball teams escaped upset in the Tuesday round of games, but Albany, ranked No. 10 in the Associated Press poll, stumbled before North Salem, 63-52.

Five higher-ranked teams went to the post, and each marked up a victory. The most notable was Jefferson's 66-50 win over Grant in the Portland race. Jefferson is No. 1 in the Associated Press poll. Grant is one of the stronger challengers in Portland.

Franklin of Portland, ranked No. 4 in the state, called up some more height and downed Roosevelt, 62-43. The Franklin team, which already had 6-9 Blaine Jensen, moved 6-7 Dee Porter, a sophomore, up from the junior varsity to add strength for the rest of the campaign. Franklin now is a step behind Jefferson and Lincoln in the Portland race. Lincoln won Tuesday, 41-36, over Benson.

Milwaukie, the state's No. 5 team, found the going easy against Oswego, chalking up a 69-54 decision.

It was Salem's night to howl. Besides the North Salem victory over Albany, South Salem trimmed Lebanon, 72-39. South Salem is ranked No. 7 in the state.

Beaverton, ranked No. 9, rounded things out by walloping West Linn, 74-38.

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South Sixth 1 Drumstick 3

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