



HOME IN ATLANTA — Canadians Maurice de Varennes of Cornwall, Ontario, left, and Jon Babbitt of Verdun, Quebec, thought they'd left hockey behind when they came south to study at Georgia Tech. But when the school opened an ice rink they lost little time in organizing two teams of Tech students and they'll play what is believed to be the first ice hockey game in Georgia history.

US Auto Club Takes Over As Motor Racing Monitor

LOS ANGELES (U.P.) — The way may be rough but optimism was the keynote of a spokesman for the United States Auto Club in its plan to replace the American Automobile Association as the governing body of motor racing in this country.

Col. A. W. Herrington, Indianapolis industrialist and for many years chairman of the important

content board of the AAA, speaking formally for the first time for the USAC, declared Wednesday that interest never has been greater in automobile racing in all its phases—big car, stock and sports car. He promised "a new deal" for all interested in the sport.

In an aside, Col. Herrington asserted that the AAA got out of the sports end of its activities because of its immense insurance endowment, and used as an excuse a series of racing accidents last year.

"No one denies them the right to step out of this field, but the way it was done set a new record for bad public relations," the speaker declared.

Herrington said the USAC, with approval from the Federation Internationale De L'Automobile, world sanctioning authority, will supervise the major racing events in the nation this year.

Leading off the USAC was assigned responsibility for FIA regulation of the annual Economy Run from here to Colorado Springs.

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Carmen Basilio Stakes Future On Next Wednesday's Bout With Johnny Saxton; May Win Crack At Robinson

By OSCAR FRALEY United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK (U.P.) — Carmen Basilio, the out-of-control fighter from Syracuse, N. Y., can plough up quite a future for himself in Chicago Stadium next Wednesday night.

That's when, and where, he'll risk the welterweight championship of the world against former king Johnny Saxton. And if he can break a jinx which has seen him lose two bouts he has fought there, Carmen can raise himself from obscurity to glory.

Because if he wins — and if Ray Robinson defeats Bobo Olson

in their approaching rematch — Basilio and Robinson will be the parties to the big outdoor fight at New York in June for the middleweight crown.

By that time, conceivably, they both could be ex-champions. The odds, however, favor Carmen at approximately 2 to 1. The theory is that the 25-year-old ex-Marine who walks in like a miniature Rocky Marciano has too much fire power for Saxton.

JINX

"I'm not worried about this jinx business," Carmen insists. "When I lose those two fights in Chicago, to Chuck Davey and then to Billy Graham, I didn't have the confidence I have now."

Saxton has several items going for him, however. Only 25, he has a two and one-half inch height advantage, and Jackie LaBua, a boxer who isn't always pleasing, Saxton still has a record of only four losses in 56 bouts—and has scored 39 knockouts.

He also has waited a long time for this shot, just about a year. Last April, Saxton lost the title

on a technical knockout to Tony De Marco of Boston. Somehow and somehow, as those things go in the boxing industry, Saxton was by-passed instead of getting a rematch. The wait, it is said, was made painless by a \$10,000 emolument to help him bide his time.

Thus Saxton waited patiently as De Marco defended unsuccessfully against Basilio. He also waited while Basilio returned the favor to De Marco, with the same outcome. Carmen chafed Tony at Syracuse to take the crown and then invaded Boston in the round robin to keep it with another kayo.

De Marco having been removed effectively, Carmen then signed to live up to the agreement ratified last April whereby Saxton eventually was to get his rematch. That time has finally arrived.

Saxton has a very dangerous right hand and Basilio is not the most elusive target in the world. But Carmen has been training grimly and his wife, Kay, is on hand as a combination cook and right by his timing and his timing.

With both of them "right," it is still hard to fault the price posted by the gentlemen in the back room. And you can bet that should Carmen keep the 147-pound bauble he'll be rooling madly for Robinson to keep the 160-pound crown against Olson.

You think the man hates money?

Sullivan Gets Nod In LaBua Tussle

SYRACUSE, N. Y. (U.P.) — "I say, old chap, sorry about that eye, but look at my nose."

"The eye's okay, won't need any stitches. I'm sorry about your nose."

That's the dressing room—not drawing room—chitchat between England's John L. Sullivan, the victor of a split decision, and Jackie LaBua, the gracious loser, shortly after they had battered each other for 10 slug-and-clinch rounds in a nationally televised fight last night.

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LaBua, every bit the gentleman grinned and said: "You sure take a good punch."

And that was the fight in a nutshell.

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New Bunkers Lie In Wait For Golf Pros

PENSACOLA, Fla. (U.P.) — The professional golf stars returned here today for the first Pensacola Open golf tournament in 10 years and found something new waiting for them—20 new sand traps.

Shelley Mayfield of Westbury, N. Y., winner of the Baton Rouge Open tournament earlier this week; former U.S. Open champion Ed Purgol of St. Louis, Mo.; and former U.S. amateur champion Arnold Palmer of Latrobe, Pa., are among the pro stars on hand.

The Pensacola Open, coming back as a \$12,500 event on the tour shortly after World War II. Since then, the sponsors have toughened up the 6,627 yard, par 72 course by the addition by the numerous sand traps.

However, there is strong suspicion the pros still will blast out a number of sub-par rounds. Palmer and Bob Toski of Livingston, N. J., notched four-under-par 68s in practice rounds and, on Tuesday, Johnny Trish, a local driving range operator, breezed around in 66.

Eighteen holes of medal play will be staged daily with the wind-up on Sunday.

Dartmouth track coach Ellie Noyes doesn't have to worry about the scholastic standing of his 600-yard runner Paul S. Berry. The athlete was named to Phi Beta Kappa.

Basketball Scores

COLLEGE BASKETBALL BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Wednesday's Results

EAST

Columbia 78, Princeton 69 Penn 67, Yale 67

Harvard 79, Brown 66 Temple 71, St. Johns (Bkn) 66

Gettysburg 76, Franklin-Marshall 59

(Ohio Valley Conf. Playoff), West. Kentucky 84 Tenn. Tech 80

NAIA PLAYOFFS (District 3)

San Diego State 91, Humboldt 63 (final)

(District 15)

Goe 91, Wartburg 69 (final)

Indiana Central 95, Manchester 83 (final)

(District 20)

Elon 84, Presbyterian 79 (final)

Oregon Prep Basketball District 1-A-1 Playoff

Lincoln 63, Washington 58 (both Portland)

District 2-A-1 Playoff

Milwaukee 45, Gresham 44

District 7-A-1 Playoff

Pendleton 62, Baker 50

District 6-A-2 Playoff

Coquille 66, Central Point 58

TIME OUT



"Lunch in a couple of minutes, dear!"

Thompson To Go Back To Open Stance

BRADENTON, Fla. (U.P.) — Bobby Thompson, who hasn't been much help to the Milwaukee Braves since his ankle fracture in the spring of 1954, may return to an open batting stance—the one he used at the start of his career.

The 32-year-old outfielder, working on a comeback after two seasons of frustration and batting averages of .232 and .257, is experimenting with his old stance.

"I want to give it a thorough trial before making any decision," he said. "It all depends on what happens in the exhibition games."

Thompson recalled that his switch drove from 13½ games behind to the National League pennant.

"I had used the open stance since I started playing baseball," he said. "One time I was in a slump and Mel Ott, who was our manager then, advised me to close my stance. He said I could wait for a pitch better than that way and would be less likely to lunge at it."

"I came out of the slump without switching. But in '51 I was going bad again and decided to give it a whirl. It worked right away and I've used it ever since—until now."

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Class B Teams Set For Clash

BAKER (U.P.) — The state class B high school basketball tournament opened here Thursday afternoon with last year's finalists again favored to sweep through the field. Knappa, the defending champion, and the team it noosed out by one point in the finals last year, Malin, again are on hand with impressive records and some standout players.

Knappa managed to edge Malin, 46-45, last time, but there are many fans who think that this will be Malin's year.

Malin's recommendations include two first-team all-star players from last year, another from the all-star second team, and a record of 23 wins against a single loss.

That is the best record of any of the eight entries here. The only loss was at the hands of Tulelake, Calif.

Norm Oliva, 6-3 senior center, and Ray Johnson, 6-1 senior guard, are the first-team all-stars on the squad. Roger Dokken, 6-3 senior forward, was on the all-star second team last year.

Knappa, which has a 20-3 record this year, also has an all-star on the squad. He is Bob Hunt, 6-3 junior center, who made the all-star first team as a sophomore.

Elgin (21-6) of Northeast Oregon and Jefferson (25-2) were to open the tourney at 2:30 p. m. Malin of Klamath County was next against Sisters (16-5) of Central Oregon at 3:45 p. m.

The night round sends Knappa of Clatsop County against Elton (21-2) of Douglas County at 7:30 p. m., and Echo (22-3) of Umatilla County against Brownsville (22-4) of Linn County.

The tournament will continue through Saturday.

The correct name of heavyweight boxer Nino Valdes is Gerardo Ramos. Ponceino Valdes.

When Nick Altrock of the Washington Senators appeared as a pinch hitter in a game on Oct. 1, 1933 he was 57 years old.

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