

Basin Ring Battlers Preparing For Weed

Several local boxers have been working out every night this past week in the Klamath Auditorium under the watchful eye of Buck Davidson as they prepare for the big 14-bout fight card at Weed on Friday night. The show, which is scheduled to get under way at 8 p.m., is reportedly a sellout, with all tickets going for \$1.50 while children and students may get in for half price if they are with their parents.

Fourteen matches have been paired, 10 main bouts and four or five pee wee matches.

Heading the list will be heavyweights Booker T. Smith and Klamath's John Whitley. Smith defeated Whitley last week in the big fight card at the Klamath Auditorium.

Another top-flight match is expected to be between Kingsley Field's Ronald Scott, 147, and Lakeview's Salton Steele, 148.

The remainder of the card is as follows: Jim Godsey, 109, of Lakeview vs. Phil Myrick, 112, of Klamath; Jerry Barlow, 132, of Weed vs. Lakeview's Larry Stewart, 130; Willie Tatum, 160, of Weed vs. Clayton Townsend of Lakeview, 165; Bob Jones, 155, of Weed vs. James Whitmore, 160, of Lakeview; Ed Slocum, 160, of Weed vs. Mike Marek, 155, of Kingsley; Klamath's Eddie Daniels, 130, vs. Harold Averill, 130, of Lakeview; and Weed's Red Wilmarth, 150, vs. Oregon Tech's Stan Smith, 150.

The main event is to be a mid-flewweight bout between Weed's

Ring Men Finally Finish In Decision

PORTLAND (AP)—Art Swiden and Ben Wise met in a 10-round heavyweight bout here Tuesday night.

When the fight ended, officials announced it was a draw.

The fighters left the ring thinking it was a draw.

The crowd of 525 left the auditorium thinking it was a draw. But it wasn't.

One of the officials later told the Portland Boxers' Commission there was a slight mixup on his score card.

So Swiden, a 262-pounder from Pittsburgh, was awarded a split decision.

When the fight ended, referee Andy Crabtree's card was announced as 100-98 in favor of Wise, a 201-pounder from Oakland, Calif.

Judge Stan Blank voted 99-94 for Swiden.

And Judge Eddie Volk scored it even—98-98.

Crabtree later told the Boxing Commission, however, he had gotten the two fighters mixed up, and actually had voted for Swiden as the winner. The commission then declared Swiden the winner.

As for the fight itself, there were no knockdowns, and few punches.

Preliminary results: Floyd Palmer, 184, Portland, stopped Al Norkus, 185, Price, Utah, 3.

Willie Nelson, 135, Portland, outpointed George Dixon, 140, Seattle, 6.

Thurman Stevens, 158, Longview, Wash., outpointed Bobby Green, 165, Portland, 4.

Sammy Norman, 144, Portland, outpointed Bob Milne, 142, Seattle, 4.

Senators Have 'Suits' Altered

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Washington Senators will have at least one new ingredient when they open the 1959 baseball season Thursday.

For the first time since Walter Johnson's day, the Senators will have a new style of uniforms. Instead of a "W," the new uniforms have "Senators" in front. On each sleeve is a caricature of a senator, complete with white hair, string tie and 10-gallon hat.

Lewis Gonzales, 160, and Lakeview's Frankie Lightie, 160.

Tickets for the show will be on sale at the door to follow up the tremendous advances sales all over Northern California.

Promoter Entourage In Meet

NEW YORK (AP)—Promoter Cecil Rhodes Jr. and his entourage met with network officials today to iron out differences that have arisen over switching the Floyd Patterson-Brian London heavyweight championship fight from Las Vegas to Indianapolis.

All was not sweetness and light between the parties. The network was annoyed at Rhodes and Cus D'Amato, Patterson's manager, for the sudden change in sites of the May 1 bout.

"We've agreed on terms," said Tom Gallery, NBC's sports director. "But we haven't signed any new contracts yet. We'd better settle the whole thing today or it will blow up."

"What gets us is that the contract we signed with the promoter, manager and fighter says the bout is to be held in Las Vegas. We don't think you should walk out on a contract."

"Furthermore, D'Amato has no idea of the television business. For instance, we are blacking out the area of the fight in Las Vegas, that would mean somewhere between 5,000 and 10,000 sets. But there must be at least 400,000 sets around Indianapolis."

"D'Amato thinks that anytime someone doesn't jump for him, he's being double-crossed."

Rhodes was taking the whole thing calmly. He said the NBC had asked him to take a \$25,000 cut in the original \$225,000 TV fee.

"That will be straightened out," he said.

Rhodes and D'Amato decided on the switch because they said they feared Las Vegas gamblers might become involved. The Las Vegas sponsors denied this, saying the real reason for the switch was that they refused to put up any money for the promoters.

"As soon as we get all the details straightened out, we're going to send for London," Rhodes said.

That will please London. He says he has his bags packed and is just waiting for a trans-Atlantic call. He doesn't care where the fight is held, he added.

The arguments couldn't interest him less. He's working out and basking in the New Jersey sun.

Horace Says SF Improved

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—President Horace Stoneham of the San Francisco Giants, looking forward to Friday's opening game with unhidden anticipation, declared:

"Certainly we're shooting for the pennant. We've been shooting for it since last fall. Most of the clubs in our league have added strength, but I think we improved ours more than the other seven."

The Giants, who finished a surprising third in their first National League campaign, open in St. Louis and then come West for their first home game April 14 against the Chicago Cubs. That's been a sellout since tickets became available.

"It may be strange to say, but our ticket requests this year are greater than last year," Stoneham commented. "And we were very happy with attendance in 1958. We should draw 1,300,000 even if we stay in Seals Stadium."

Last season in the park with a capacity of only about 23,000, the Giants had 1,272,625. Hopes are they'll be in their new Candlestick Park at least by Sept. 1.



BOWLING CHAMPS—R. L. Smith Lumber Company won first place in the Sheela Lanes Charter League at Mt. Shasta this year as the team finished with a 73½ won and 38½ lost record to top the seven team league. Members of the winning group are, standing, Redo Vismara, Robert Richard and captain Robert Kohn while kneeling are Dan Vanni and Roland Gasparri. Second place in the league went to Big Sporting Goods with a record of 71 wins and 41 losses. —Photo by McKinney

BOWLING SCORES

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE		Bald Eagles	
W	L	W	L
Peppi Cola	82	28	22½
Steinboffer Electric	73½	40½	97½
Linton Aircraft	69½	30½	
VFW	67	53	
Ellingsons Loggers	64	56	
Superior Troy	62	58	
Rickys	56½	65½	
Bowers Distributors	53	67	
Weyerhaeuser	51½	68½	
Malone Chevron	49	71	
Griggs Foods	48	72	
Great Northern	45	76	

Last night's results:
VFW 2, Great Northern 1
Peppi Cola 2, Rickys 2
Ellingson 4, Linton Aircraft 0
Griggs 3, Steinboffer 1
Superior Troy 4, Weyerhaeuser 0
Bowers 4, Malone 0

High team game—Griggs Foods 998
High team series—Ellingsons Loggers 2772
High ind. game—Floyd Phelps 255
High ind. series—Floyd Phelps 622

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Houston's Beauty 57 31
Charm Center 49 39
Jones' Office Supply 47½ 40½
Tower Furniture 44 44
Team No. 6 43 45
Team No. 7 39 49
Team No. 2 37 51
Specialized Service 35½ 52½

Last night's results:
Team No. 2 4, Jones' Office Supply 0
Team No. 6 3, Specialized Service 1
Tower Furniture 3, Charm Center 1
Houston's Beauty 3, Team No. 7 1

High team game—Houston's Beauty 3049
High team series—Team No. 6 731
High ind. game—Dorothy Marrow 184
High ind. series—Dorothy Marrow 473

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Pioneer Tobacco 73½ 46½
Roberts Hardware 70 47
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Elks No. 1 66½ 53½
Flying Eagles 61 59
Klamath Gas 57½ 62½
Wright Real Estate 57 63
Elks No. 2 54 66
Lone Eagles 53½ 69½
Sunrise Tavern 53 67

Oregon Staters Win 9th Straight

SALEM (AP)—Oregon State continued its winning ways Tuesday and rolled over Willamette 10-2 in an exhibition baseball game here.

The victory was the ninth straight for undefeated Oregon State.

Catcher Dan Luby hit a 10-run homer in the first inning for the Staters and in the fourth, inning, Grimm Mason hit a three-run homer.

OSC pitcher Leon Criss struck out only six hits against the 15 batters.

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(PS) The ol' genulmen over in the corner of our tradin post is Carl Shubert. Yep, yu gessed it . . . he's still fixin shootin irons.

Boston Trounces Lakers 123-110

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)—The Boston Celtics, perhaps the greatest basketball team ever assembled, were on the threshold today of a precedent-breaking sweep of the National Basketball Assn. title playoffs.

The Celts whipped the Minneapolis Lakers 123-110 here Tuesday night for their third straight victory. A repeat in Minneapolis Thursday night would make Boston the first team in the NBA's nine-year history to win the championship series in four straight.

"Why be modest about it," smiled Celtic Coach Red Auerbach. "This is a great team."

He got no argument on that from the Lakers after the Celtics' breathtaking show of power Tuesday night.

There was glory in it for all of the Celtic reliables but especially Bill Sharman, Bob Cousy and Bill Russell.

Sharman, the 32-year-old mechanical man, flicked six foul shots in as many tries and thus ran his consecutive free-throw mark to 56, breaking the NBA record of 53 Bill set three years ago.

Sharman started the string in the first game of the Eastern Division playoffs against Syracuse and hasn't missed since.

Cousy once more was the whirlwind playmaker, steering the Celtics fast break with spectacular dribbling, passing and headwork. And he found time to tag 23 points.

"Cousy never ceases to amaze me," said Laker coach Johnny Kundla. "He had 19 assists and played like a demon. Maybe I've seen him look better once before, but I can't remember exactly when it was."

"For all that, I think it was Russell who beat us. We just can't do anything about that man. He's all arms. We'll see them in our sleep. He grabs that ball off the board, wings it to Cousy and Boston has got three men breaking against our one back before we know what hits us."

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