

Sugar Ray Signs For Match; Deal Phony Says Basilio Camp

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The president of the National Boxing Assn. said today that Sugar Ray Robinson will be reinstated as middleweight champion if Carmen Basilio is willing to fight him here on Sept. 21.

"If there is definite assurance that Robinson and Basilio will fight in the near future," Dr. Ward Wylie said at his Mullen, W.Va., home, "I'm certain the winner would be recognized as the world champion."

Robinson, 39, signed a contract here Tuesday to fight Basilio on Sept. 21 in Philadelphia's 100,000-seat Municipal Stadium.

The big question, however, was: will Basilio, the No. 1 middleweight contender, agree to the fight. His camp would offer no assurance that he would and Basilio was unavailable for comment.

The fight would be promoted by Samuel Rose, a city councilman, who was not present at the news conference. He is ill in a hospital. Robinson would get 45 per cent of an estimated \$750,000 to one million dollar gate and the same percentage of more than \$500,000 in television and radio receipts. Basilio would receive 20 per cent.

By signing, Robinson partially fulfilled a New York State Athletic Commission ultimatum to sign for a Basilio fight by Friday or lose his title in that state.

The NBA lifted Robinson's title by edict on May 4 after repeatedly warning him to sign for a de-

fense against Basilio. Robinson won the middleweight title from Basilio March 23, 1958, but hasn't fought since.

John DeJohn, co-manager of Basilio, said the Robinson deal sounded phony.

"We're certainly not going to let Robinson dictate terms and

accept them meekly," DeJohn said.

Basilio's other co-manager, Joe Netto said "We've got to be satisfied."

Al Klein, a member of the Pennsylvania Athletic Commission, said the deal had been in the works for 10 days.

"I have \$10,000 Robinson posted in bond money that says the deal won't be a phony," Klein added. "When Basilio and his managers realize the financial aspects of the deal, I'm confident they'll sign."

Klein also commented on a statement by Mary Jensen, manager of Gene Fullmer that Basilio will not sign "because we have a signed contract with promoter Norman Rothschild for our services in Syracuse in July."

"My information," Klein said, "is that Basilio has not signed to fight Fullmer."

George Gainford, Robinson's adviser, said that if Basilio does not agree to the match, Sugar Ray still would fight in Philadelphia on the same date against European middleweight champion Gustav Schütz.

Gainford said Robinson had not defended his title because "in Robinson's tax bracket it doesn't pay to fight more than once a year."

Asked why Robinson turned down recent New York and Texas offers of a \$500,000 guarantee for 45 per cent of an unknown gate, Gainford said: "Nobody came up with the money."

Beavers Drub Phoenix, 5-3, Sacto Wins

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

At 37, Vic Lombardi is no baseball youngster. But the little Portland southpaw was strong and crafty as he hurled the Beavers to a 5-3 triumph over Phoenix Tuesday night.

Lombardi gave up only six hits as the Beavers stayed at home to humble their old nemesis in a Pacific Coast League makeup game. Lombardi now is 3-1.

Portland so far this season has beaten the Giants four out of seven times. Last year the Beavers won but 3 of 22 games with Phoenix.

The Beavers remain at home tonight, too, to start a three-game series with the Spokane Indians—bolstered by the recent acquisition of sluggers Jim Baxes and Steve Bilko.

But Portland also displayed some slugging in beating Phoenix. The biggest blow of Portland's 12 hits was Jack Littrell's first home run of the season.

In Tuesday night's only other game, Sacramento's Solons increased their first-place lead to 1½ games over idle San Diego by beating Spokane 6-5.

COMPETE IN RELAYS

VILLANOVA, Pa. (UPI)—The Villanova University mile relay team will run in Friday night's track meet at the Los Angeles Coliseum. The squad, unbeaten this season in the mile, includes Joe Manion, Nick De Angelis, Charlie Stead, Ed Collymore and Jim Blackburn.

Miles' Homers Lead Victory

Leonard Miles poked two home runs in three trips to the plate to give the 827 ACW squad a 7-3 victory over the Church of the Nazarene in the opening game of the Klamath Falls men's softball season at Conger Field Tuesday night.

In other games the Market Basket exploded for a 15-6 win over the Kingsley Field squad and Hal's Sport Shop sailed past the Moulding Crafters for an easy 14-1 triumph.

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Yesterday's Stars

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Hitting — Harmon Killebrew, Senators, drove in five runs with a pair of homers for comeback, 7-4 victory over the Tigers.

Pitching — Danny McDevitt, Dodgers, gave up five hits, walked none and struck out six for 3-1 victory over the Phillies, who were blanked on two hits for seven innings.

SIGN TWO HEAVIES

NEW YORK (UPI)—Matchmaker Teddy Brenner has signed unbeaten Montreal heavyweight Robert Cleroux and Reagan (Buddy) Turman of Tyler, Tex., for a May 29 bout at Madison Square Garden. Their eight-round fight will be a semi-final to the feature between Nino Valdes of Cuba and Pittsburgh's Alonzo Johnson.

Ole Bardahl Files Protest

CHELAN (AP) — An official protest against a vote cast by the Miss Thriftway camp for postponing the final heat of Sunday's Apple Cup race was filed Tuesday by Ole Bardahl.

Bardahl, Seattle businessman who owns the Miss Bardahl, said the Thriftway was damaged at the time the vote to delay the race was taken.

"Their vote was an intentional delay on their part to repair their boat to make a later start," the statement Bardahl will submit to the American Power Boat Assn. board of directors read.

Miss Bardahl and Miss Thriftway were tied at 700 points when the vote was taken. Miss Pay 'N' Save, the eventual winner, had 800 points.

Because of the whitecaps on Lake Chelan a series of votes were taken during the afternoon. Each time the vote was 5-2 against running the final heat.

Bardahl's charge was denied in Seattle by Willard Rhodes, owner of the Thriftway, and Bill Muncy, her driver.

"The rule book states that we had a right to vote regardless of any damage to our boat," Rhodes said.

One of the Thriftway's sponsors was damaged by buffeting waves, but Muncy said the boat could have been repaired for the final heat.

Malin, Prospect To Clash For 5B Crown

COUNTY B LEAGUE (Final Standings)

Team	W	L	Pct.
Malin	3	2	.714
Merrill	4	2	.667
Sacred Heart	1	4	.200
Rly	1	4	.200

Non-League

Henley	4	2	.667
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Saturday afternoon the Malin Mustangs, sub-district 5B baseball champions, get an opportunity to annex the District 5B title when they play host to the Prospect Cougars at 2 p.m. in Gem Stadium.

A sudden death arrangement, the playoff, will decide the district kings, with just one game, a seven inning affair.

Couch George Hanson's Mustangs are sporting a 4-1 league record, their only loss being a 5-2

no-hit decision to the Merrill Huskies last Friday.

Malin has an overall season mark of six wins and three losses, with the only defeats in non-counting games being to Henley and the KU Jayvees.

The Mustangs met the Jayvee squad again Tuesday afternoon in their final warm-up readiness for Saturday's upcoming crucial tilt with the Cougars.

Hanson's choice on the mound to face the Prospect crew is right-hander Randy Miller, the slim junior who was undefeated and unscored upon in league action. The No. 2 Malin hurler is big Rick Illian, who handles the back-stopping duties when Miller is on the hill.

Hanson will be counting on the hitting performances of Miller, Illian, Don Johnson and Ron Mul-

lanix, the latter the club's power sticker.

Prospect, led by coach Al Gardner, boasts a 5-won, 1-lost conference mark. The other members of the valley side of the District 5B League are Jacksonville, Talent, Butte Falls and St. Marys. Although the Crusaders did not field a baseball team this season.

"We lack experience but the hustle is there. We have only one senior on our team, Tom Davidson. He is credited with all five of our wins. We have three freshmen, two sophoms and the rest are juniors," commented Gardner.

The Cougars stepped out of conference three times this year and

were topped each time; two losses coming at the hands of Rogue River and one from Eagle Point. Both schools are A-2.

"It's not an excuse — but we didn't use Davidson against either Rogue River or Eagle Point. We might have fared better but thought it best to save him for league games," Gardner added.

GIANTS OPTION PITCHER

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — The San Francisco Giants Tuesday optioned pitcher Marshall Renfro to their Phoenix farm club in the Pacific Coast League. Renfro failed to make an appearance for the Giants this season.



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