

EIGHT OAKLAND FIGHTERS IN A.A.U. SEMIFINALS

Simon Pures Meet in S.F.

National Hall Scene Of 25-Bout Show in State Meet Tonight

By ALAN WARD

There was a time when San Francisco's National Hall was synonymous with a blood-and-thunder type of prizefighting—a robust, swashbuckling little arena on Mission Street, where ring rules simply didn't exist and only the strength of the men counted.

And so, proving something or other, this same National Hall tonight will be the locale for the second phase of a three-part amateur boxing tournament, and as everyone knows, or should know, lib-white boxing is a mannerly, even gentlemanly, branch of the art.

If, during the evening, the walls of No. 9 at Hall and 14th streets briefly tremble, it will not be due to earthquake. Rather, the structure will be shuddering spasmodically as it contemplates its transition from a licensed abattoir to a fan-paradise sort of establishment.

SEMI-FINALS TONIGHT

Which, in the final analysis, may be all for the best.

Eight Oakland kids tonight will take part in semifinals of the combined California State A.A.U. championships and the Pacific Association novice title bouts.

Already a few Metropolitan Oaklanders have won through to the finals, which will be fought one week from tonight, and if this area fails to produce at least two champs, and perhaps more, someone can jump out from behind the blueberry bush and yell "Surprise!"

And will I be surprised? Hal Fibberling heavy weight from the Athens Athletic Club, Wally Haynie, L.A. Young Athletic Association welter, Mike Bernal, 118 lbs., Athens Club, F. J. Millan, Berkeley, 112-pounder and Ralph Sykes, 135-pounder Athens boy, already have been assigned to the State title bouts.

ELDER FAVORED TO WIN

Among the novices Buzz Elder, bantamweight representing the L.A. Young Company, moved directly from the quarter-finals into the win-down program, and in one springing Elder, you can get odds the youngster will return from San Francisco with a title.

Tough Jack Melin, 130 pounds and registered from Youngs, will be the first Oaklander to perform under the white lights of National Hall's ring.

Melin has been paired with Bruno Giovannoni of the Rio Vista Athletic Club. They are novices.

Jack Connolly, unattached from this city, has drawn Bud McMahon of the Red Robin A.C. Richmond while Bill Avilar, unattached, and like Melin, a novice will swap blows with Jack Cony, U.S.A. Letterman Hospital, San Francisco.

FIVE LOCAL SENIORS

The remaining five Oaklanders competing tonight are seniors.

George Luska, 170 lbs., will tangle with Mareld Tidwell Olympic Club welterweight, Dan Dugan Athens Club 160 pounds will box Bill Rucker Spartan Club, Petaluma, Danny Gutridge, Monroe A.C., has been assigned Harvey Simpson, middleweight, unattached San Francisco, while Martin Goldberg of the local Y.M.C.A. and Joe Lee of the Oakland Willow Club will swing at one another's chin in the 175 pound division.

The opening session of this dual amateur tournament last Friday night was declared by capable judges of Simon-pure boxing, one of the best shows of its sort ever presented in San Francisco.

Tonight's competition, as well as next week's should not fall below the standard already established.

TWENTY-FIVE BOUTS SLATED

The National Hall ring is small, a circumstance which encourages fast fighting. National Hall is chummy, with the balcony almost touching the top strands of ropes, a situation which provides for greater audience enthusiasm, and red-hot audiences usually stimulate participants to a fine point of frenzy.

The show will start at 8 o'clock. Twenty-five matches are listed and about half of them should result in knockouts.

Yugoslavia, Germany In Davis Cup Tie

ZAGREB Yugoslavia July 28—(P)—Yugoslavia took a 1-0 lead over Germany in their European zone Davis Cup tennis finals today when Ferenc Pusavec defeated youthful Rolf Coperlet 6-3, 6-1, 6-0.

The winner will meet the victor of the Australian-Cuban series for the right to challenge the United States for the coveted trophy at Philadelphia in September.

Renner henket put Germany back in the series by beating Dmetri Mitic, 6-0, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

ON SECOND THOUGHT

By ALAN WARD

Recommendations—That Louis Johnny Taylor forsake his screwball actions in the ring and settle down to some serious fighting. Johnny is not quite as daffy as he pretends, and Massachusetts Nature never intended he should be a comedian, some of his shenanigans are very funny. It is quite colorful, whereas actually he is merely boring.

That Johnny Freeman, who has absolutely nothing left except a heart, hang up the gloves for all time. For his own good and that of his bride. The few hard-earned dollars Johnny may pick up taking a slugging never will compensate him for the certain injury, mental and physical he will experience as a result of a process comparable to that.

That Promoter Tom Simpson henceforth open his show's promptly at 8:30 p.m., rather than 10 minutes late. More than one business has flourished through punctuality.

That the chiselers who brazenly hard local athletic promoters notes purportedly written and signed by me demanding passes quit the petty jockey practice.

HI DESERVING OF VICTORY

Because Hiram Bithorn is one of the finest members of the Oakland ball team, and takes his profession with proper seriousness, it was gratifying to know he pitched a shut-out game against Hollywood Wednesday evening.

Of all the hurriers on the staff, Bithorn, in my opinion, was most deserving of victory, because in Seattle he lost a 12-inning heart-breaker by one run. And I'm not kidding a bit when I say it was a real heart-breaker because the big Porto Rican was in the doldrums following his valiant effort.

Make no mistake about it, Bithorn is one heck of a swell pitcher. He is a real ball high-assed ball size of an aspirin tablet when it sizzles across the plate, he has reasonable control and some nursing ability.

Too he is popular with his teammates. Along with Bill Lyman and Al Brown, he is a most self-effacing individual with not a trace of pop-off in his make-up.

BOXING ON UP GRADE

When a mediocre heavy weight like Domingo Valin and a virtual unknown like Eddie Mader will attract more than \$2000 worth of paying customers through the Auditorium turnstiles there is nothing radically wrong with the boxing game in Oakland.

The week earlier Tony Olivera, who previously had boxed nothing but preliminaries here and Chuck Delaney, a semi-windup boy, drew a similar sum.

Promoter Simpson is positive the Delaney-Olivera gate would have been boosted another \$500, perhaps more if Chuck in pre-fight training hadn't incurred a badly slashed lip and the word was spread around town the bout might be halted in its early stages to protect the San Leandro southpaw from further injury.

'AIN'T FUNNY, BOYS

I'm getting a little sore at wags like A. Cohn, L. Dunbar and B. Tobitt who hold me personally responsible for the holocaust which occurred in the Northwest recently.

Just because our Oaks busted out at the seams was no fault of mine. Certainly I did all in my power to carry the boys over the hump. Every night—or rather, every daylight—before retiring I said a little prayer for the lads.

During the games I held a rabbit's foot in one hand and had an artificial four-leaf clover in my coat lapel, and if I could have picked up a horseshoe either in Portland or Seattle I'd have nailed it over my door.

Cohn, Dunbar and Tobitt certainly are being nasty about the entire episode. And if B. Tobitt should return with the team from Hollywood a series winner there will be no living with the guy.

There is no living with Dunbar and Cohn as it is.

Will one of his friends please tell Archie Closson member of the State Athletic Commission, he looks more like a third-rate fight manager than a dignified executive of State boxing, wearing that yellow polo shirt to ring shows. Okay, then, it ISN'T any of my business, Charlie Foley, the local haberdasher, is leaving no stone unturned to get himself appointed to the boxing commission. Foley would be as good as any other in the spot, but why an intelligent young fellow like him seeks a post which is all grief and no glory is beyond my powers of comprehension. But he has my vote if he wants it. The boys around town today were saying the most likely looking prospect on the Wednesday night card was Fred Young a young hunky who stopped Dick Sadler in the first Whoever manages the town-head Bobby Hagar should tell the sprout not to use a southpaw style when he does so much better boxing in orthodox fashion.

Reds Appear Flag Cinch

Cincinnati Defeats Boston Bees Twice To Increase Lead

By BILL WHITE

Associated Press Sports Writer—When all those scientists get through looking at Mars they might be able to pick up a little cash by renting their telescopes to the National League.

There is a well-founded suspicion that the rest of the league will make a powerful lens to locate them from now on.

That is the consensus after yesterday's double triumph in which the Reds had the benefit of some of Paul Derringer's best pitching in the first game, and some smart hitting in the second, to down the always tough Boston Bees who have been playing almost 600 ball the

LEADERS WIN TWO

The National League's worst behind Derringer's eight hit burling, but they had to go 11 innings in the after piece before Frenchy Bordagaray's timely single scored the winning run and gave them a 9-8 edge.

Although Lee Grissom was something less than a ball of fire in the second game, the fact remains the Reds won when three of their closest pursuers—the Pittsburgh Pirates, St. Louis Cardinals and Chicago Cubs—all are shouting lustily, "we ain't concedin' 'em nothing!"

And those three are not giving up for very good reasons. The resurgence of Dizzy Dean has given the Cubs permanent visions again, the work of Tom Sunkel has had a vitalizing effect on the Cards, and the Pirates are in the midst of a winning streak of which any club could be proud.

BILL LEE VICTORIOUS

The Cubs kept up their winning ways at the expense of the New York Giants with a 2-0 victory built around what must be every pitcher's dream—a homer with the bases loaded. Don Padgett did it in the seventh, and just when it looked as if the Giants might actually win a game.

The Cubs made their 46th victory of the year look easy as Big Bill Lee stopped the Brooklyn Dodgers, 3-1, with a five-hitter for his 11th of the season. That left only the Pirates of the three pretenders to the Reds' throne in yesterday's losers' group. The Bucs took one on the chin from the Phillies, 9-8 in spite of a seven-run spurge in the sixth inning.

However, the Pirates made off with three of the four games of the series.

In the American League the Chicago White Sox, who have ploughed a rough row the last few days—meeting Boston in Chicago and then moving East for a series with the Yanks and the Red Sox again—tramped on the Bostonians by 12-7 as the veteran Clint Brown made his 39th relief appearance of the year and won his eighth victory. He pitched hitless ball after relieving Johnny Marcum in the sixth.

FOR FIGHTS LAID ON PAUL HOUT and he called on his high hard one to make the Washington Senators call for hero. The Detroiters won, 8-1, as Trout was turning in a five-hit job. And that was especially good since the Tigers were clawing Walter Masterson for seven runs in 2-1/2 innings.

The Yankee St. Louis Browns and the Indiana-Athletics games were rained out.

Glen Lee, Seelig In Battle Tonight

HOLLYWOOD July 28—(P)—Glen Lee, successor to Ace Hudkins as the Nebraska slugger, takes on Eric Seelig, hard-hitting German middleweight, in the main event at Legion Stadium tonight, billed for 10 rounds at 155 pounds.

Bettors figured it would be close. The other time they met it was a draw. Each recently dropped split decisions to Fred Apostoli.

There is no living with Dunbar and Cohn as it is.

SLIP'S WOE INCREASES AS RUDDELL LOST

The St. Mary's Gaels, who have been cut down man by man by injuries the past week, today find themselves minus Ray Ruddell, first string guard who broke his right ankle a month ago in an automobile accident; only to find that the injury had healed improperly.

Ruddell yesterday wrote Coach Slav Madigan that he would be out until mid-September, a fact that

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Farrand established the new mark last week on the Neptune oval, being clocked at 15 1/4 for the event.

All four riders are tops in their class. Al Jr. is also scheduled to do his stuff on his midget motor.

Young Lauer will participate in a special event. He is the world's youngest motorcycle rider.

Here's New Birdie

TULSA, Okla., July 28—(P)—Golfers Rex Brooke shot a different kind of "birdie." The ball landed in a cedar tree. After several minutes' search, Brooke spotted it in a bird's nest.

Neptune Race Track Sanded

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HELEN CRLENKOVICH DEFEATS MISS GESTRING FOR U.S. TITLE

San Franciscan New 3-Meter Diving Queen; Scores Victory in National at Des Moines

DES MOINES, Ia., July 28—(P)—Pretty Helen Crlenkovich, 18-year-old San Franciscan girl, didn't want to be a diver, but now she holds two National championships.

When Helen moved west from New York State she had ideas about developing into a championship swimmer. After padding about in a San Francisco play ground pool she was recommended as a swimmer to the Fairmont Hotel team. But she didn't come close to making the grade.

Coach Phil (Pat) Patterson determined young girl might have possibilities as a diver. He had the right hunch, for Helen won the Northern California three-meter title and National junior championship in 1936.

HOLDS TWO TITLES

Under Patterson's tutelage the California girl continued to develop.

Yesterday Helen reached another goal by again defeating Miss Gestring, 1936 Olympic champion. This time it was the three-meter outdoor championship that Helen grabbed from Marjorie.

MARY RYAN CHAMP

In the feature event of the women's National A.A.U. meet Helen scored 138.89 points to her rival's

Wooderson Out Of Races for '39

Englishman States Injury Forces Him To Rest Until 1940

LONDON, July 28—(P)—Sydney Wooderson, Britain's premier miler and holder of world records at one mile, 880 yards and 800 meters, announced today that he had quit running for the rest of this season because of a leg injury suffered in winning a mile race at Newcastle, July 26.

"It's a great disappointment to me," said Wooderson. "I wanted my revenge for the defeat I suffered in America."

Wooderson said he strained a part of the muscle in the calf of his leg. "If I did more work this year, according to a specialist I might do some permanent damage," he said. "I will be back for the Olympic Games next year so I'm going to leave track alone until next Spring and just look after myself."

Marble Slumps

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 28—(P)—The Oklahoma City Indians sent Harry "Tom" Marble back to Hollywood last night, in a month's try-out at third base, Marble hit only .180.

Pioneer League

Order 12, Lewiston 9 Salt Lake 11, Focatello 6, Twin Falls 16, Boise 1.



Señor **JOSÉ SUAREZ**
Asesor de La Policía Del Capitolio Nacional
HAVANA, CUBA
says
"Our cigars are one of the things we Cubans are proud of... Havana tobacco is known the world over as the best cigar filler grown. When I set out to try your American White Owl Cigar, I didn't expect to like it. But the Havana tobacco that has been blended in the new White Owl gives it a rich Havana taste and fragrant bouquet."
Jose Suarez

Rich enough in Havana taste to please a Cuban, this brand new Blended-with-Havana cigar

YOU CAN BET that down in Havana smokers really know the taste of Havana tobacco. That's why we took the new Blended-with-Havana White Owl down there to test it. We selected prominent Cubans—real connoisseurs of cigars—gave them some of the new White Owls to smoke. Without exception, they all praised the rich Havana flavor of this new cigar.

Honestly, we're excited about the Havana tobacco that goes into our new White Owl. It's really a good grade. Perhaps that sounds unbelievable for a cigar costing only 5¢. But we are America's largest buyers of Havana tobacco, and we know what we are talking about. Fact is, it's the same type of Havana tobacco used in popular cigars costing 10¢ and more. And there's a generous helping of this fine Havana in each new White Owl, too. Why not try a new White Owl today?



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TOMORROW NIGHT—8:15 p. m.
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WATCH THE FINEST OLD FINDER BOY IN ACTION!
19 other short track motorcycle classics! 10 scratch riders!
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