

TREATENS TO SUE

Promoter Denies Being Front Man For Ex-Con

NEW YORK (AP)—Vincent Velella, president of Rosensohn Enterprises, which promoted the fight between Johansson-Floyd Patterson fight, denied Wednesday he was a front man for Anthony (Fat Tony) Salerno and threatened a \$5,000,000 damage suit.

Velella returned shortly after noon with Jack Dempsey and others from Sweden where a return match between Patterson and the Swedish world heavyweight champion was arranged.

"I am not a front man for anyone but myself," Velella said heatedly upon his arrival by plane. Velella is an East Harlem attorney.

District Attorney Frank S. Hogan Tuesday identified Salerno, described as a Harlem character, as the underworld figure behind the June 26 fight in which Johansson knocked out Patterson in the third round. He identified Salerno as the mysterious "Mr. X" in the probe.

Hogan made the identification after an investigation of the fight promotion and questioning of Bill Rosensohn, ousted head of Rosensohn Enterprises. Hogan said Rosensohn told him Salerno had declared that Velella would front for him in the promotion.

Velella admitted knowing Salerno. Hogan said his office had been looking for Salerno, 48, an ex-convict described as an associate of racketeers, for two weeks.

Velella said that because of statements made by Rosensohn in the investigation, he planned to consult attorneys about the possibility of filing a \$5,000,000 suit against Rosensohn for defamation of character.

Dempsey, who was named promotional director of Rosensohn enterprises after the ousting of Rosensohn, said "there must be something in back of it" when asked about the Hogan investigation.

"I am not accusing anybody of any wrong," Dempsey said. "But if there is anything wrong with anybody in the fight game the should be barred from it for life. Where there's smoke there's fire and something must be cleared." The return bout between Johansson and Patterson is to be held sometime between next March 1 and June 15 in this country.

Talk Of Weight Advantage Leaves Basilio Unruffled

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Despite all the talk about weight advantages in boxing these days, Carmen Basilio remains unruffled over the matter of a half dozen or so pounds.

He's expected to be that much lighter than Gene Fullmer on Friday night when the two battle at Cow Palace over a scheduled 15 rounds for the NBA version of the world middleweight championship.

"I like to fight heavier opponents," insists Basilio who in the past has been holder of the welterweight and middleweight crowns. "The bigger guys provide a better target. They're not as fast nor as cute as welterweights."

The onion farmer from Chittenango, N.Y., says he expects to scale "somewhere between 153 and 155 but it doesn't make any difference."

Fullmer, also a former world 160-pound titlist, probably will scale 150 for the weigh-in and then add a couple of pounds before the 11 p.m. ADT start of the nationally televised (NBC) bout. The video for the San Francisco area will be blacked out. Basilio's co-manager John DeJohn declared that in the area of weights "any way you look at it, the other guy has to have at least six pounds on him."

Fullmer, the bull shouldered strong man from West Jordan, Utah, says "you're apt to make too many mistakes while chasing a man, but the way Basilio comes in, I won't have that problem."

The co-promoting San Francisco boxing club held a poll in the area on who would win and the verdict went to Fullmer by a narrow margin. Still Basilio appeared the favorite in the weighing at about 7-5.

Should the bout go its 15-round limit, it will be decided on the basis of the 10-point must judging system. The winner of each round gets 10 points and the loser 9 or less depending upon his performance. An even starza gives each fighter 10.

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Bone Specialists To Examine Doby

BALTIMORE (AP)—Larry Doby, grimacing in pain from a fractured left ankle that could end his baseball career, was admitted to Johns Hopkins Hospital Wednesday for treatment by bone specialists.

The former American League slugger suffered the injury in Sacramento, Calif., Sunday while sliding into third base on a triple which helped San Diego win a Pacific Coast League game.

Dr. George Bennett, who has treated scores of athletes, examined the 34-year-old outfielder Wednesday and suggested he be sent to the hospital.

Dr. Edmond J. McDonnell, an associate of Bennett who would perform any necessary surgery, said later that treatment for the fracture would begin within the next two days. He said it was not certain yet if surgery would be needed.

Doby looked downcast and tired after a cross country trip which took him to New York and then to Washington by plane. He made the 40-mile trip from Washington to Baltimore by automobile.

Doby entered the majors with Cleveland in 1947 as the first Negro to play in the American League. He had a lifetime average of .244 and hit 251 home runs through the 1958 season. He was chosen on six all-star teams.

The free-swinging left-handed batter had never played in the minor leagues until he was sent to San Diego recently by the Chicago White Sox.

PROBABLE PITCHERS

New York (AP)—Probable pitchers in today's major league baseball games (won-lost records in parentheses):

American League
Boston at Chicago—Baumann 3-4 vs Latman (6-3)
Only game scheduled.

National League
Chicago at Cincinnati (N)—Cecrelli (4-2) vs O'Toole (3-7)
Milwaukee at St. Louis—Jay 4-10 vs Mizell (12-8)
San Francisco at Philadelphia (2)—McCormick (11-10) and Worthington (2-2) vs Cardwell (7-7) and Owens (9-11)
Only games scheduled.

SAYS MANAGER

Harris Fought Beautiful Fight

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—Few of the fans on hand would agree but pretty Lou Viscusi says Roy Harris fought a beautiful fight Tuesday night against Great Britain's Joe Bygraves.

The heavyweight hopefuls drew boos from a crowd of 8,000 with 10 rounds of counter punching and a minimum of solid blows. The decision for Harris was close but unanimous.

"Harris fought a beautiful fight, sized the guy up and went on to outbox him," said Viscusi, manager of the Cut-and-Shoot, Tex., school teacher whose lone loss in 29 fights was last year's title bout to Floyd Patterson.

Viscusi normally concentrates on contracts and financial matters but worked Roy's corner Tuesday night in the absence of Bull Gore, the ailing trainer.

LOT AT STAKE

Viscusi said a lot was at stake for both fighters because of their title match hopes.

"Roy had everything to lose," he said. "It would be crazy to go out and fight the other guy's fight do just what he is waiting for you to do and take a chance on losing everything."

Bygraves did not have as much at stake but his thinking was

Playoff Game Is Interrupted

The second semi-final game of the Tyne Valley Legion series went only four innings at Queen Elizabeth Park, the Legion leading 15-5 when play was called. The game will be concluded at Tyne Valley this evening.

Sonny Stull, toeing the slab for the home team, allowed only two hits, Jack and Elmer Gorri getting one each. The Legion collected 9 hits off Ira Campbell in 1 1-2 innings, and 2 hits off David Birch in 1 2-3 frames.

Sonny Stull hit two home runs in four trips, Coke Grady, a four-base blow in four tries. Enright Doucette was 3 for 3, Clarence Gillis 3 for 4, and Ray Durant 2 for 3. The Tyne Valley boys committed 8 errors as compared with 3 by the Legion.

Doe Dalton covered a lot of ground at short field pulling down four flies. Elmer Gorri made a nice running pick-up of Art Somier's bid for a hit in the fourth inning.

Tourney Slated For Green Gables

The Green Gables Golf Club Championship will be played at Cavendish this Sunday. The Tournament open to all Island Residents who are members of the club. (Associate Club member fee \$1.00) Any person who has not yet joined may do so prior to playing the round.

All men and ladies will play one round of 18 holes, both nines to be played without interruption. Players are advised that they should make up a threesome before playing.

Defending his title will be Lee Windsor, while the Ladies will be out to dethrone Mrs. R. A. Horne, the Ladies Club Champion last year.

Drysdale Aims Blast At Dodger Coaches

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Dodger pitching ace Don Drysdale says he's hopping mad over second guessing from the dugout.

But his fire is not directed at manager Walt Alton or the players. Which leaves the coaches, although Drysdale didn't name them directly.

The mainstay of the Dodger mound staff with a 15-9 record, big Don lost three games on the team's recent road trip.

He exploded in an interview in New York and amplified here, saying some Dodger "personnel" figure he's not supposed to lose.

"I just got sick and tired," he said, "of writers quoting people on our ball club about what's wrong with Drysdale."

He refused to single out his critics, but left no doubt he aimed his attack at some of the Dodger coaches.

These include pitching coach Joe Becker, and Peeewe Reese, Charlie Dressen and Greg Mulleavy.

"It's not directed at all of them," said Drysdale, "but if the shoe fits, let them wear it."

Of Alton, Drysdale said: "Walt ought to know if I had anything to say to him or any complaints to make about him, I'd tell him to his face. That goes for the players too."

Drysdale, known as one of the Dodgers' most quick-tempered players, was quoted by the New York Post:

"I'm sick of second guessing. We've got some guys on this club who really put the best second guessers to shame."

"Everything on our club is the pitcher's fault."

"I never hear anything said if an outfielder drops a ball or a guy gets picked off base. All you hear about is bad pitches."

"If they could win games by talking, we'd be in first place by 17 games now."

The Dodger front office had no comment on his remarks.

Today's Minor Ball Schedule

9 a.m.—Browns vs. Giants
10.30—Red Sox vs. Tigers
2 p.m.—Playground Track and Field Meet

The twice postponed playground track and field meet will be held this afternoon at Memorial Field at 2 p.m. All City children from 5 to 12 are invited to attend and participate.



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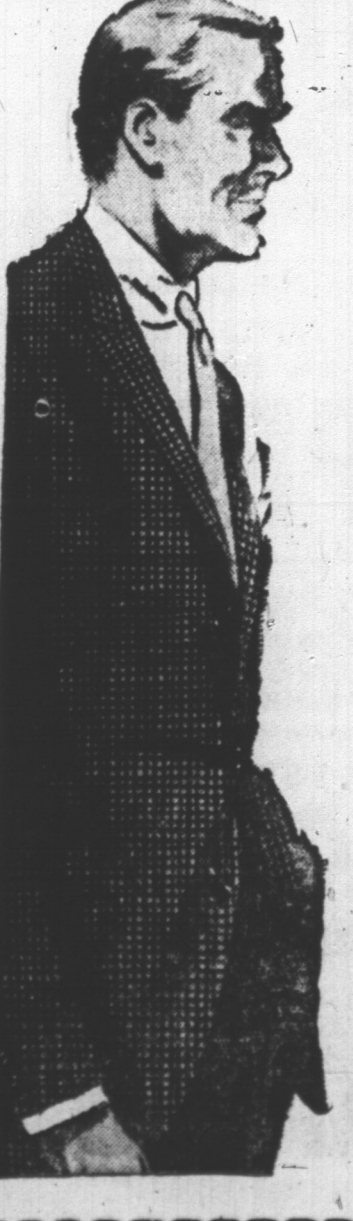


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