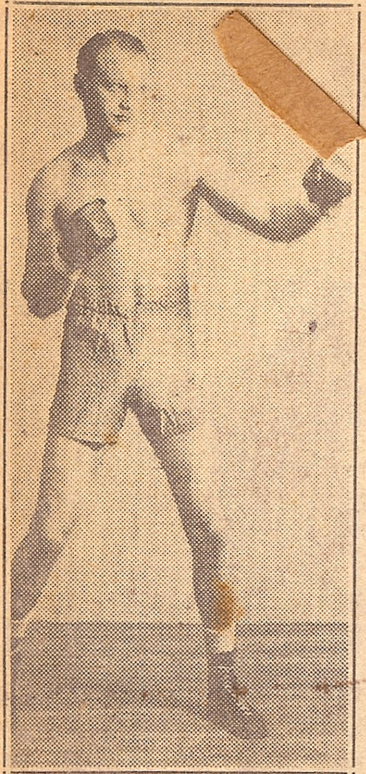


Able Abe



Abe Nathan

Twin-Five Is Backed By Nathan And Dick

Tonight's Fight Card

- Paul Junior, Lewiston, vs. Ray Nash, Brooklyn (2-5)
Abe Nathan, Portland, vs. Frisco Dick, Augusta (6)
George Blaisdell, Portland, vs. Jackie Ledger, Dover, N. H.,
(4)
Hugh Bowley, Portland, vs. Tiger Raymond, Lewiston (4)
Young Chellis, Lewiston, vs. Larry Watson, Sanford (4)
Roland Palmer, Westbrook, vs. Flash Cloutier, Lewiston (3)
Art LaChance, Lewiston, vs. Joe Chabot, Brunswick (3)

The Tin-Ear Trail opens again for Paul Junior of Lewiston tonight, and the boy whom Maine fans believe has championship possibilities will be given some more testing under a new type of fire. He will meet Ray Nash, of Brooklyn, battler of the best, who Monday night whipped Jerry Paul, Providence sensation, in a New York semi-final, in a twin-five. Can Junior again make the grade as he has in the past few months?

They've fed Junior some pretty tough cucumbers as battlers go in his past two battles, one, Six Second Powell, a terrific right hand nitter, but not too fast; the other, Paris Aprice, a sparkling boxer. Against each, Junior used one style, a roaring offense that smothered them before they could get going, although Aprice started to bicycle ride once he felt the sting of Junior's punches.

Nash, according to Sam Price, who tipped Chick Hayes off to his crowd-pleasing style, is a bore in fighter, a slugger willing to swap with any lightweight in an effort to get over his own kayo wallop. If this is so, with Junior, with Junior going at his present pace and in his present style, a first round collision in mid-ring might very well start a main bout of proportions.

Of particular interest to the fans is the semi-final. Abe Nathan, back in the ring wars under his own name (He used to be Jimmy Pearl), won by a kayo last week, but this week it's another story. Can he top Frisco Dick, that hard-swinging Augusta lad who practically stole the show a week ago by giving tough Gabby Paulin of Waterville a licking in six furious rounds. Nathan can hit, but he has to get in close. Frisco swings from long range, and Nathan's ability to take and still come in may tell the story.

Junior-Nash Duel Tonight

Paul Junior, Maine's ranking lightweight fighter, meets his fifth test of the season in a Portland ring tonight when he faces Ray Nash of Brooklyn, N. Y., in the double five round bout that features the Arena A. A. card at the Exposition Building.

Junior has not been defeated in any of his local matches. He knocked out Rudy Vastano as a starter for his streak of victories here, and won newspaper decisions over Charley Gordon, Six Second Powell and Paris Apice. His opponent of tonight is rated as one of the best club fighters in the New York circuit—more of a mixer than the clever Powell and Apice.

Local fan interest is high in the six round duel scheduled between Abe Nathan, Portland's upstanding young welterweight, and Frisco Dick, the Augusta veteran, who is still going strong, although he has taken part in more than 300 ring bouts.

Nathan who resumed boxing recently after a considerable layoff has boxed but twice during his new campaign, but in those two battles, he showed such virile punching power as to thrill the fans. He knocked out the rangy Ray Whittaker at Berwick in four heats, and stopped Bobby Ferland at the Expo in a single round. Frisco Dick is a far tougher

test than either Whittaker or Ferland. Cagey and hard to hit, the stocky Augusta boy is no mean puncher.

George Blaisdell, local kayo specialist, meets a fast and shifty boxer in Jackie Ledger of Dover, N. H., in the top four round preliminary.

The first flyweight duel staged in the Expo. ring in a long time will bring together a couple of novice midgets, Joe Chabot of Brunswick and Art LaChance of Lewiston, in the three round opener. Two Portland boys, Hugh Bowley and Roland Palmer, just starting to win their spurs will meet out of town opponents.

—Portland, Maine

March 12, 1937

Paul Junior Knocks Nash In 5th Canto

Paul Junior of Lewiston won his fifth straight battle in a Portland ring Thursday night when he knocked out Ray Nash, youthful Brooklyn, N. Y., lightweight, in the fifth round of their scheduled double five round bout at the Exposition Building.

Nash was on the floor eight times before the Maine champion crashed a right to the jaw that laid his opponent cold on the carpet. Referee Ken McDowell, didn't even count over the prostrate fighter, but picked him up and carried him to his corner, as a merciful gesture that the duel was all over.

From the standpoint of the fans it was the most thrilling bout of the recent Junior series. Nash, while made to order for the veteran Lewiston larruper, because he walked in all the time, nevertheless was dangerous himself, and once set Paul back hard on his heels with a right hand smash that brought the claret.

For two rounds, it was a good club fight with punches swapped, and no holding or clinching. The third round developed into a riot. Four times Junior left hooked or right punched the Brooklyn "kid" to the floor and a fifth time Nash went to his knees, but was up each time, like the gamester that he was. Junior "laid up a heat" as the horsemen say, in the fourth round, but came back with a savage attack in the fifth, to end the fight with the third knock-down.

Abe Nathan, local welterweight, won another smashing fight, when he out-punched Frisco Dick of Augusta in a gruelling body punching melee. Harder and straighter punching and aggressiveness won Nathan the verdict over his veteran opponent, and hero of more than 300 battles.

Nathan-Desautels To Battle Tuesday

Special Despatch to The Press Herald
Springvale, March 26—Abe Nathan of Portland and Jake Desautels, Dover, N. H., have been corralled for the main bout festivities at the Springvale Town Hall Tuesday night. Matchmaker Patch announced today Nathan has been doing very well in his comeback attempt and won and drew in his last two fights at Portland. Desautels also has been winning and the two seem very well matched.

George Blaisdell, kayo artist, also from Portland, and Jack Ledger, another Dover battler, have been hooked up for the semi-final, a four-rounder, which may rival the main fracas for action.

In the four round prelims. Wee Willie Hambone, Rindgmere, N. H., and Gorilla Burke, Portland, Lee Anderson, Portland, and Eddie Sharkey, Portsmouth, N. H., George Bowley, Portland, and Johnny Sharkey, Portsmouth, N. H., and Kid Flash, Portland, and Cupid Kid, CCC Camp at Alfred, clash.

Nathan Is Winner; Blaisdell Kayoed

Special Despatch to The Press Herald
Springvale, March 30.—Abe Nathan of Portland took main bout honors here tonight in the Springvale Town Hall when he won a six round decision over Jake Desautels of Dover, N. H. Nathan won practically every round, but his edge in each round was not great so that it was a good battle to watch.

George Blaisdell, another Portland fighter, was not so fortunate for he was kayoed in the first round by Young Dempsey of Dover, N. H., despite protests from Blaisdell's corner. Referee Reid said that Blaisdell was counted out while on one knee while Blaisdell's seconds claimed he was on his feet. Blaisdell lost this argument, too.

Wee Willie Hambone, Ridgmere, N. H., won in the first round over Gorilla Burke of Portland when the Gorilla business proved a misnomer. Lee Anderson of Portland won the decision over Eddie Sharkey of Portsmouth, N. H. George Bowley of Portland won the verdict over Johnny Sharkey of Portsmouth, in what was the best bout on the card as both boys set a fast clip and banged away from start to finish.

Kid Flash, Portland, kayoed Cupid Kid of the Alfred CCC in one round while Young Watts, Springvale, and Young Godfrey, Wells, went to a draw.

Abe Nathan In Bath Feature

Special Despatch to The Press Herald
Bath, March 30.—Benny Lizotte of Waterville who scored a first round kayo over Jackie Davis, popular Bath boy, in the last local card tops the Friday night show at the Arcade Arena with hard hitting Abe Nathan of Portland.

Davis is back in the semi-final again Friday, with Lee Anderson, another Portland slugger. Having worked up from prelim to semi-final billing, Davis was slated for top billing by Nick Mihalos until Benny bopped him.

With sluggers billed at the top of the card, Mihalos has collected the best looking prelim lineup in years. Farmer Brown of Bath, provided his trick shoulder doesn't go out of joint, will play hammer-and-tongs for four rounds with Young Boulay of Portland in the top prelim. Fans for the first time will get a look at Lou Cooper, the Woolwich Wailoper, who makes his bow with Young Nelson of Westbrook, and also of Percy King, ex-Morse football star, who has a date with Kid Arnold of Portland in the first bout.

April 3, 1937

Nathan Is Winner By Kayo In Second

Special Despatch to The Press Herald
Bath, April 2.—Abe Nathan of Portland kayoed Benny Lizotte of Waterville in the second round of the main bout at the Arcade Arena here tonight. Nathan put Lizotte away in five seconds of the second after the bell saved the Elm City battler in the first. In the four round semi-final, Jackie Davis of Bath and Lee Anderson of Portland went to a four round draw. Young Milson of Westbrook was kayoed by Young Cooper of Woolwich in 35 seconds of the first round, and Percy King of Bath won the decision over Bill Sanphy of Portland.

OUTSIDE THE ROPES

Abe Nathan, local welterweight, scored the fourth straight knockout of his comeback career when he stopped Benny Lizotte of Waterville in two heats of the main bout at Bath last night. In consequence Nathan has earned the semi-final spot on the Junior-Melody card of next Thursday night. Matchmaker Chick Hayes has not yet signed an opponent for the hard hitting Portland boy, but this will be attended to within the next 24 hours.

ON THE MAINE STEM - WITH BUD CORNISH

Roundabout

Your agent spoke too quickly about Dom Labbe's beak-bopping party with Eddie Carroll at Egleston Square in Boston tonight being for the middleweight title of New England. The Commission now says, "Nix!" Why? Because Jonathan "Baby Blimp" Buckley, the contract-looker-over for Lou Brouillard, of Worcester, has Lou claiming he's the champ. If he is, it all happened without much fanfare and was generally overlooked. But Brouillard has been gypped out of the world title three times running in Paris so let's give him the New England crown if that will satisfy him.

The Portland City League championship is to be settled tonight. . . . But not in Portland. . . . The fast moving Lions of South Portland (a Civic Club not animals) snatched the Portland title duel for the S. P. H. S. gym, and a charity cut-in. . . . The teams, the Lions and everybody connected should make more by the move, however. . . . With Phil Doughty, Eddie Jones and Wally Hayes, all former Press Herald All-Conference men, on the P. A. C., the game is a fine Cape attraction. . . . The three played for South Portland High in their "youth."

Beak-bopping that isn't always accurate but is exciting will push the sport center of the vicinity completely into South Portland this evening. . . . Timothy Donahue's amateur battlers, fighting under the aegis of the Stewart P. Morrill Post, will whale away at the Legion Garden. . . . The amateur idea is to swing from the shootops and may the prayer-punch land. . . . And often it does!

Abe Nathan, Portland socker, is in the throes of a comeback. . . . And he is punching harder than ever. . . . He fights on top at Bath Friday night. . . . The story has gone the rounds that Abe would be great only he can't see far enough to judge his long shots. . . . "That," says Abe, "is a fib, falsehood and a lie, to say nothing of an erroneous impression. Just because I wear glasses outside the ring doesn't mean anything. Let somebody stick his jaw out, thinking I can't see it, and I'll move it around to the back of his neck for him!"

George Bress, the handball wizard, is now called "Champ." . . . He won the title, you know. . . . Burlington's ball club had a lesson in how easy you are forgotten. . . . Said one, "There were 4500 waiting to greet us when

we got back from almost winning the New England Tournament here. . . . But next day, when the drive started to give us a trip, 4489 of 'em seemed to be looking out the window. . . . The drive went over the top finally, but the prying had to be terrific. . . . Paul Flaherty, laying away his officiating whistle, is now coaching a team in the Y. M. C. A. tournament. . . . Just so he can crab officials?

Listening Ears, Incorporated, retails this story about Milton Hard's pep-talk to his Vermonters before that Hillhouse final at the Expo. . . . Said Hard, "I want you to go out there and when the going gets rough, I want you to do this." . . . And he broke into a tap-dance. . . . The steps apparently were funny. . . . The kids started to laugh. . . . That's all Hard is supposed to have said. . . . But the psychology was perfect. . . . He loosened up his team, took their minds off the "jitters," and they gave Hillhouse beaucoup trouble. . . . Hard used to coach boxers in the Navy. . . . He's groff, and he talks from the side of his mouth, but the Burlington kids swear by him.

Charlie "Stopwatch" Plummer had something to do with Paul Junior's rise to fame here. . . . Junior asked Charlie why he couldn't get work in Portland one night at a Biddeford fight. . . . Charlie gave it to him straight. . . . "Over in Portland they get sick of dancing masters after the second round. If you'd fight as well there as you do in these small clubs, you'd be a sensation." . . . Chick Hayes, still a bit leery because Paul had a reputation of being a boxer only, finally gave him Vastano. . . . "Knock Vastano, and you're made in Portland," said Plummer. . . . "He'll go down," said Junior. "And stay." . . . Vastano hit the deck for keeps in the second. . . . And Junior has never stopped fighting, instead of boxing, since. . . . Result? . . . Probably a record house when he fights Honey Melody for the N. E. lightweight title here next Thursday.

**FRIDAY NIGHT'S SHOW
GIVES FIGHT FANS FULL
VALUE FOR MONEY**

**Real Battles Staged in Which the
Local Lads Show to Good
Advantage**

If it's true what they say about a man building a better mouse trap, then fight fandom of this locality will beat a path to the next Arcade area boxing show. Because, you'll travel a long way, in any given direction, to find a better mitt-menu than that dished out in the Shipping City's palace of swat-dom, last evening.

The 250 or so faithful, who braved the rather messy storm to view the leather flinging, saw Abe Nathan of Portland belt out Benny Lizotte, Waterville, in just three seconds of the second stanza.

They saw Jackie Davis, this city, and Lee Anderson, Portland, go six hard sessions to a draw in the semi-final.

"Farmer" Brown never looked better as he nailed Hugh Bouley, smart Portlandite, for four torrid heats to walk away with the decision.

Lou Cooper, Woolwich's walloping heavyweight, required but 23 seconds of the initial round to tag Young Nelson, Westbrook, and Percy King, the other local boy to make his debut last night staged a stirring last round finish to beat Kid Arnold, Portland.

Murder At 10:30!

The main event finished at just 10.30 by the clock and what a cold-blooded termination it was! Lizotte, the favorite with local fans because of his one-round knockout of Jackie Davis two weeks ago, was pushed off the stool by his handlers, still dazed from a murderous left hook that had floored him as the bell ended the first stanza. He never saw Nathan bearing down on him, nor did he know what hit him. Nathan measured the helpless Waterville battler, bounced a left off his chin and chilled him with a pile-driving right over the heart. It was all over.

It was Nathan's fight practically from the start. The former Jimmy Pearl, boxing out of Dave Silverman's stable, had Lizotte missing consistently in that first three minutes and was countering with a stiff left hook that did the Waterville welter no good. Two seconds before the gong for the end of the first session, Nathan caught his rugged opponent with a vicious left hook that had everything behind it. Lizotte's head snapped back six inches and down he went, face first. He was gone. But, as referee Mihalos counted one, the bell sounded. Though Lizotte's handlers worked desperately over him during the minute intermission, they needed much more than 60 seconds to undo the damage of that punch.

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**Mellody Keeps Title
Though Badly Licked**

**5,600 See Champion Whipped—Paul Has
Titleholder Reeling Early—Nathan And
Kayo Labbe Capture Sixes**

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the head and one hard right that had proved he could score, and that he had no awe of a titleholder. But Mellody, opening the second, had crossed a hard right to Junior's head, his first effective punch, and then had dropped a stinging left into Junior's stomach.

Catches Mellody Squarely

Instead of slowing Paul, it was the tocsin. He leaped across the ring at Mellody and flung three left hooks curling around Honey's guard, rattling the champion so that he fell back to the ropes. Junior backed away for a second, and Honey came out. As he did, Junior let go the granddaddy of all right hands and caught Mellody square. Honey was fairly lifted to the ropes, but the charging Junior, surging in for a kill, ran into an octopus grip by the wounded champion. Before Paul could rip out of the clinch, the bell rang, and Mellody cake-walked to his corner.

Sensing his advantage, Junior threw everything into a third round attack, and almost instantly, Mellody came out of a furious duel with a cut, high on his head, covered by hair. A right to the head shock him, and for a moment it seemed as though Junior had the range. But Mellody proved he could take till the kine come home by suddenly moving in and slugging at Junior's body.

Junior slowed in the fourth, weary from his own attack perhaps, and yet he kept piling up points on a champion blinded by the dazzling speed of the Lewistonian, trained to perfection.

In the fifth, Junior shot over another right cross, hard to the head, but Mellody took it and stayed upright. Honey clicked with his second best punch of the fray, a vicious fight to the body near the bell, and Junior, unleashing an uppercut from his heels, nearly caught him on the rebound at the bell.

Honey Lands One

Mellody's terrific right to the head that made Junior's knees give slightly in the sixth influenced some to give Honey this round, but Junior scored three heavy shots to the body and pitched a right to the head just at the bell to make it virtually even.

Setting the

was like old home day at the iron works, the bedlam.

Abe Nathan In Front

Abe Nathan, Portland welterweight, took another decision—five wins and a draw in his six comeback starts—from Speedy Atkinson, game Lowell, Mass. youngster, who refused to fold, though he could have and quickly. Nathan did the major part of his damage early, with a body barrage that threatened to bend Speedy into the outline of a cue ball.

Atkinson's side was red like roses by the second, but Nathan, in an effort to put over a kayo, forsook the body somewhat after that and played for the head. At this game, Atkinson could hold his own, and several times he slammed Nathan with lefts to the head, hard. But Abe, in turn, clouted with short clubbing rights and lefts to the head, and threw heavy body punches, though not in such a stream as at the outset.

Ladd Lays Frisco Low

Surprise of the prelims was Everett Ladd, Westbrook scrapper. Paired against Matty Frisco, East Deering kayo king, Ladd let Matty do the leading. He dropped Frisco once with a left, but it looked like a mistake. But as the round waned, Ladd suddenly moved into the oncoming Frisco, spared him with a left, hit him with a right, and then with both hands in a one-two and Frisco plunged backwards. As he fell, his head hit the ring, aiding in knocking him so cold the club doctor, Danny Mannix, jumped into the ring. The towel floated from Frisco's corner a second before the bell.

Paul Malia, still slow and elephant-like, but carrying the same old punch, took until the third round to knock Duke Moody of Lowell kicking, but when he did there was no question. Taking punishment himself most of the way, Malia only had to land one. He flattened Moody for nine in the first, and then, after Duke came back and pummeled him, kept dogging in until he got a long right swing chance. When he did, curtains. Moody went over and out.

Blaisdell Scores

George Blaisdell, Portland, scored a four round decision over John Callahan, Nashua, N.H., in a

ing duel, but slowed a

April 15, 1937

Brooklyn Middle Is Test For Maine Star

O'Boyne Faces Tom Chester—Abe Nathan In Semi-Final With Monte—Ferguson's Brother In Debut—Welsh On

Tonight's Fight Card

Jimmy O'Boyne, Bangor, vs. Tom Chester, New York (10)
Abe Nathan, Portland, vs. Joe Monte, Somerville, (6)
Pat Foley, Worcester, vs. Kiki Stanley, Biddeford, (6)
Coley Welsh, Portland, vs. Paul Brown, C. C. C., (4)
Elmer Ferguson, Portland, vs. Eddie Kopacz, Westbrook, (4)
Henry Lynch, Portland, vs. Tiger Martin, C. C. C., (4)
Hugh Bowley, Portland, vs. Rene St. Hilare, Lewiston (4)

Tonight's main bout started out to be an accent on the debut of Irish Jimmy O'Boyne, of Bangor, in Portland, but today, after hearing about the fighting ability of Tom Chester, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who faces him, tonight's main bout becomes a battle to see whether the Maine boy can pull through against the opposition Chick Hayes has thrown at him. O'Boyne and Chester mix in a twin-five feature at the Exposition Building.

Jimmy first began battling beaks in Bangor, and ran up a record that included as many knockouts as Joe Louis produced, although it can be granted that some of his opponents were not of high caliber. Yet Jimmy, moving from Bangor to Boston and points south, continued to be an A No. 1 surprise package for the middleweights who thought they were being paired with an untutored wallop from way down East.

Oddly, O'Boyne never happened to show here. But suddenly, he became a headline figure in the Hub, at Holyoke and in Providence, and Portland just couldn't overlook the fact that he was a Pine Tree native. Consequently, Chick Hayes went after him.

But, at the same time, Hayes figured he wouldn't take any chances on spoiling the surge forward of boxing interest by letting O'Boyne move in against inferior opposition for his opening tussle. He went right to New York, and to connections there, and two of them agreed on Tom Chester as a fighter that would give the fans action and might beat O'Boyne. Hayes signed him.

Chester came to town late last night. "I don't know anything about O'Boyne," he said. "But I've had a standing challenge in to meet his stablemate, Lou Brouillard. I'll risk O'Boyne if it will lead to Lou."

Apparently the challenge may be

answered. Brouillard will second O'Boyne tonight, primarily for the chance to look Chester over and find out what he's got that he thinks he can lick Lou. Brouillard now holds the N. E. middleweight title by Bay State proclamation.

Of particular interest, however, is Abe Nathan's eighth fight in his comeback string in the semi-final. Abe has won six of the seven duels, and drawn in the other. Tonight he meets Joe Monte, latest Somerville, Mass., sensation, over the six round route. Nathan has been punching heavily to the body. He won two fights in two nights, one a technical kayo over tough Gabby Poulin of Bath, last week.

Another Bay Stater, Pat Foley of Worcester, Mass., faces Kiki Stanley, of Biddeford, who either has trouble or looks like a whirlwind. Stanley has decided the way to the top is to be like Paul Junior, go out and fight, and he intends to make Foley the first victim of this method.

Coley Welsh, popular prelim boy, gets another chance against Paul Brown, CCC worker, in the top four, but he has little edge on the invader who has been fighting as regularly as he.

Elmer Ferguson, brother of Bill the heavyweight, moves into the pro ranks after socking Charlie Leighton, N. E. novice champ, when he tackles Eddie Kopacz of Westbrook, in four. Westbrook has been producing some fine fighters in recent months and Elmer has no starting cinch.

Henry Lynch, pleasing in his debut last week, tries conclusions with Tiger Martin, another CCC camp star, trained in the great outdoors, while Hugh Bowley, still another favorite, is handed his opportunity to date with more.