

# Boxing Hits '55 Peak As Clarks, Olson, Moore Meet

## Archie Is 9-5 Favorite In Week's Top TV Bout; Martinez In 1st '55 Fight

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Boxing should hit its 1955 peak Wednesday night at New York's Polo Grounds with a battle of champions between Archie Moore, the light-heavyweight king, and Bobo Olson, the middleweight king, with Moore's 175-pound crown at stake. The last time champs from these two divisions met, Sugar Ray Robinson, the lightweight man, was topped by Joey Maxim in the 103-round bout at a June night at Yankee Stadium in 1952.

Moore 9 to 5  
According to the odds of 9 to 5 favoring Moore, Olson is expected to meet the same fate as Robinson in venturing into a heavier division.

The International Boxing Club counts on 25,000 fans to pay \$250,000, basing its hopes on a last-minute turn of events if the weather is good. Another \$100,000 will be added from the radio-television rights (ABC). New York City will be blacked out on TV for the 15-round match, starting at 9 p.m. (EST).

Moore's weight has been the "gimmick" in this fight. They announced that he weighed 164½ for his 15-round bout with Nino Valentin at Las Vegas, May 2. However, there have been rumors that he really weighed only 161½. Such rumors have been repeated. In any event, Moore must get down to 175 pounds by noon Wednesday. Apparently, he will make it with room to spare, if you can believe the champ and his handlers.

The Olson camp is banking on speed and a persistent barrage of punches to wear down the 36-year-old Moore. Bobo, only 26, can punch with Archie but he won't move his leather. Olson has won 21 straight, Moore 20.

Archie's Fourth Defense

It will be Moore's fourth defense of the title he won from Joey Maxim, Dec. 17, 1952 at St. Louis. His last against Harold Johnson, a 14th-round knockout victim, Aug. 11, 1954. If Archie wins decisively, he'll probably get a shot at Rocky Marciano's heavyweight championship in September.

In case of rain, the show will be put back to Thursday. After that, plans are indefinite.

Vince Martinez, the welterweight from Paterson, N. J., who allegedly

was "grounded" by the managers' guild after he dumped Manager Bill Dill, makes his first 1955 start at Syracuse, N. Y. The opponent will be Chico Varona of Cuba, a 3 to 1 underdog.

Long Layoff

Martinez has been idle since he defeated Al Andrews, Dec. 10 at Madison Square Garden. Varona's only '55 start was a defeat by Rocky Castellani, April 25.

The Syracuse scrap will be carried on network radio and television (NBC) starting at 9 p.m. (EST).

Gene Poirer, fast-rising Niagara Falls, N. Y. welter, tops the Monday card at New York's St. Nicholas Arena against Oscar Pita of Argentina (DuMont-TV). Poirer is expected by knocking out Pita. Basso and whipping Miguel Diaz, although he has had only 15 fights. Pita is unbeaten in 41 bouts, all but one in Argentina.

Johnny Saxton makes his first appearance since he lost his welter title to Tony DeMarco in Boston, April 1, when he boxes Jim Fuller of Wilmington, Del., Monday at Brooklyn, Mass.

There's a hot match in West Jordan, Utah between Gene (Cy-clone) Fullmer, a home town boy, and Gil Turner of Philadelphia. In their first meeting, Turner gave Fullmer his first defeat, April 4 at Brooklyn, Mass.

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At New York City Madison Square Garden, Poirer, Niagara Falls, N. Y., vs. Oscar Pita, Argentina, 10 rounds, 10 p.m. (EST). Tommy Tibbs, Boston, vs. Jimmy Jones, New York, 10 rounds, 10 p.m. (EST). Joe Brown, Columbia, Ohio, vs. Luis Castillo, Mexico City, 10 rounds, 10 p.m. (EST). Al Andrews, Los Angeles, vs. Ritchie Lopez, Mexico City, 10 rounds, 10 p.m. (EST). Bobo Olson, Los Angeles, vs. Archie Moore, New York, 15 rounds, 9 p.m. (EST). Vince Martinez, Paterson, N. J., vs. Chico Varona, Cuba, 10 rounds, 9 p.m. (EST).

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## Little-Known Squaw Valley Plans For 1960 Olympics

By ALAN CLINE

SQUAW VALLEY, Calif., June 18 (AP)—This little-known ski resort tucked away in California's Sierra Nevada range had plenty of snow today but most of the other necessities for the 1960 winter Olympics still were in the planning stages.

The mountain skies were clear and the temperature registered a crisp 56 when the excited Squaw employees learned the International Olympic Committee in Paris had selected their site for the winter games.

Preparations for a July 3 race, the last of the year, took a back seat to talk of plans for 1960. The area near the California-Nevada line needs a bobsled run, additional lifts, a stadium and facilities for housing the thousands of spectators and participants.

Millions in Kitty  
Backers of the bid for the U. S.'s second winter Olympics already had a million dollar kitty appropriated by the California Legislature for providing facilities for the games. Gov. Knight, after hearing of the Squaw Valley selection, pledged "every possible effort" to make the games "outstandingly successful."

Skiers preparing for the July race saw signs "welcome to the 1960 Olympics," and employees held parades in Tahoe City, a nearby community of some 200.

A chief selling point in Paris was that Squaw, while accessible by car, train or plane, is a private, secluded community, naturally amphibious completely separated from commercial influence and public interference.

It lies nine miles off transcontinental U. S. 40 about 200 miles east of San Francisco and 40 miles west of Reno.

Anticipated Overflow  
A Reno chamber of commerce spokesman called the selection "the greatest thing that has happened to our area in many years," and anticipated a heavy overflow from the thousands of spectators.

Although facilities are available in a 50-mile radius for about 75,000, only about 30,000 are in use during the winter. Most of the nearby Lake Tahoe area closes down for the winter now, but things undoubtedly will be different by then.

Alexander Cushing, head of the Squaw Valley delegation and general manager of the resort, has suggested a hotel in Tahoe City be acquired as headquarters for the 1,500 participants.

However, the hotel owners haven't said yet whether they will go along. It now accompanies only 150.

Trails Lead Out

Ski trails already have been

laid out, in accordance with international standards, but the rest of the facilities will have to be constructed.

Squaw will put on the national downhill, giant slalom and slalom next year and the international bobsled championships in 1958. Designers of the bobsled run, which will be the second in North America, are expected here next month.

Cushing produced teams of statisticians showing the area would be short on snow for the January or February games. Average seasonal snowfall over a 60-year period was 37½ feet compared to an average of 4 feet 4 inches for Innsbruck, Austria, Squaw's closest competitor. Squaw's last snow this year came on May 30.

This spring, for the first time since the Notre Dame football stadium was opened in 1950, the annual spring "Old-Timers-Varsity Game" was not played there. It had played in School Field, South Bend.

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SUNFLOWER CO-CAPTAINS — Newly elected co-captains of the 1955 Sunflower Junior College football squad are John Benge, left, and Ben White, right. Benge is an end while White is a stand-out guard.

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