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Pep Decisions Sandy Saddler In Bloody Bout

Regains Crown;
Hin Rubber Match
Due in June

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NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Willie Pep, who made ring history last night by recapturing the world featherweight championship from Sandy Saddler in a bloody battle at Madison Square Garden, probably will defend the crown in a "rubber match" with Saddler at Yankee Stadium in June.

That June meeting will be a command performance from the sell-out crowd of 19,000 fans who witnessed the great 15-round fight and from the thousands more who saw the bout on television.

Pep, displaying unexpected speed and skill, won the unanimous decision from the slender, sleepy looking young Harlem boy who had knocked out Willie in the fourth round of the first bout on Oct. 29. But, on at least four occasions it seemed that 22-year-old Saddler would repeat his knockout punch.

Bled Profusely

As Pep finished the bout, the little, hatchet-faced, black-haired Italian from Hartford, Conn., seemed to be wearing a mask of pounded steak. He was bleeding from four face cuts and from his nose and mouth. He had been on the verge of a knockout in the 15th round; but, just before the final bell, Willie came fighting back with a flurry of punches that backed Saddler into the ropes and brought the jammed fans to their feet, bellowing wildly for the blood-smeared warrior who unquestionably had regained the crown.

It was a dramatic, electrifying finish of a see-saw fight in which there were no knockdowns but in which each principal was knocked back on his heels again and again.

Bewilders Saddler

Pep, 26, and veteran of eight years in the ring, bewildered his less-experienced opponent at times with his constant circling to the right and then to the left, and with his elbow spins when they came to close quarters.

Pep scaled 126 pounds, exactly the feather limit; Saddler, 124.

Charley Johnston, Saddler's pilot, said, "I can't believe Pep ever will risk that title against Sandy; but we'll fight him tomorrow or any time and anywhere if he will. But we won't want the same referee in there again."

Lucy Court Gets 628

Lucy Court gave her best performance in months by guiding her ball for a 628 total that helped DeWolf nose race 2688. She only managed a 159 game as a starter, but reached 190 in the followup. A closing game of 279 in the most exciting session of the evening insured her high total.

The women stole the spotlight and most of the glory last night as they romped in with a brace of 600 scores and seven other honor counts out of 35 series over the 500 mark.

The men misfired as only two honor counts were registered throughout the city.

The Sponsors Classic League at Pritchett's took all laurels for the women as eight teams hurled the 2500 mark.

The Yaver Men's Shop team

hurled the 2500 mark.

On the same team, Pat Stiebel carried a 597 as she barely missed the 600 bracket and Eve Williamson was four sticks back with her bid.

The Yaver Men's Shop also took

high team honor count with a caught 2861.

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