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Baksi Has Little Trouble Taking Bout from Nova

NEW YORK, March 31 (UP)—Heavyweight Joe Baksi of Kulpmont, Pa., won a big-money bout with Tami Mauriello at the Polo grounds in June by virtue of his victory last night over challenger Lou Nova, whom Baksi formerly served as sparring partner.

Promoter Mike Jacobs had promised such a reward.

Baksi, six years younger and 10 pounds heavier, won the unanimous 10-round decision over 30-year-old Nova before 14,094 fans at Madison Square Garden. He floored Lou in the fourth round and gashed his right brow so badly in the ninth that it seemed the bout might be stopped. It was the only knockdown in the bout.



NEW BRUIN COACH — New Bruin football boss is 40-year-old Bert Le Brucherie (above), who stepped up from coaching at Los Angeles high school to take over as Babe Horrell's successor at University of California at Los Angeles.

California Lou, who used Baksi as a sparring partner before the Maxie Baer and Joe Louis bouts in 1941, fought on even terms during the first half of the brawl, despite his trip to the canvas. But he tired in the later going and suffered a severe battering from Baksi's sweeping left hook. The ex-coal miner had Nova groggy twice in the ninth.

MIAMI, Fla., March 31 (UP)—A guarantee of \$20,000 was offered today to heavyweight boxer Joe Baksi, for a 10-round bout with Elmer (Violent) Ray, in either New York or Los Angeles.

Ray's manager, Tommy O'Laughlin, said he will personally guarantee the money to Baksi.

Hagg, Rafferty Meet Tonight On Fast Indoor Track

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 31 (UP)—Gunder Hagg, the Swedish record-smasher, runs the last race of his record visit to the United States here tonight with the stage set for the best performance of his tour.

Hagg will appear in a special invitation mile event added to the national AAU women's championships program at the 74th army track. The track is fast, the competition will be sharp and Gunder was reported in his best condition since he arrived from Sweden March 3.

The Swede's main competition will come from Jimmy Rafferty, the little New York racer, who has beaten Hagg three times this month. Hagg won his only race of the tour—a slow victory at Cleveland a week ago—with Rafferty missing from the entries.

Rafferty predicted he will break 4:11 on the flat, eight-lap army track. He said that "if Hagg plans to defeat me he'd better be prepared to beat that time." The track record is 4:12 set by Paavo Nurmi, the Flying Finn, 20 years ago.

The army oval is one of the fastest eight-lap indoor tracks in the nation. Eight American indoor records have been set there, five of which, dating back to 1913, still stand.

Near Shutout Marks Eagle-Seattle Match

PORTLAND, Ore., March 31 (UP)—The northern division playoff in the Pacific coast hockey league last night resulted in an 8-1 victory for Portland over the Seattle Ironmen.

Jerry Fiske, goalie for the Eagles, held the visitors scoreless during the first two periods, and then barely missed ringing up the first shutout of the series by permitting a disputed goal by Ed Downey three minutes after the last period opened.



"I look for him to get All-America recognition—strictly as his defensive play, of course."

Coast Leaguers Open 1945 Baseball Season

By HAL WOOD
United Press Staff Correspondent
SAN FRANCISCO, March 31 (UP)—The lid was pried off the nation's 1945 professional baseball season today as the 42-year-old Pacific Coast league started on its fourth war-time campaign. Featuring ex-major leaguers playing out their waning years, under-age youngsters, not yet old enough for the draft, 4-ft and 1-Ca, loop owners are looking forward to some of the best baseball to be presented here since start of the war.

Opening contests will see the Hollywood Stars in Sacramento; San Francisco Seals in Los Angeles; Portland Beavers in Oakland, and Seattle Rainiers in San Diego.

The Los Angeles Angels, loaded with good double-A players, plus considerable major league talent from the Chicago Cubs, are favored to annex their third straight loop championship under the guidance of Manager Bill Sweeney.

However, while the Angels were acquiring such stars as Lou

Novikoff and Rip Russell, the other teams also were busy lining up experienced talent. And for the first time since 1941, the majors were able to come through.

The Portland Beavers' pitching staff was augmented by Jake Monty, Detroit Tigers; and Jack Tising, who played with several big-time teams.

The Seattle Rainiers acquired Chuck Saleno, heavy-hitting third baseman from Cincinnati, and Bob Inley, Philadelphia Phillies catcher.

The New York Giants, in a "tie-up" with the San Francisco Seals, sent Ken Brundell and Ken Miller, a pair of proven hurlers.

Jo Jo White, veteran major league outfielder joined the Sacramento Solons, Jimmy Grant, Cleveland third baseman, and Jess Landruth, a .311 hitter from Kansas City were other Sac acquisitions.

Two new managers take over piloting jobs this year. Buck Fausett will guide the Hollywood Stars; Pepper Martin the San Diego Padres.

Today's Sport Parade

By JACK CUDDY

United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, March 31 (UP)—We pick the Chicago Cubs and Detroit Tigers to meet in the 1945 world series.

One of the battery of statisticians who aided us in this selection said, "As long as we're so close to April Fool's day, why don't you pick the zerk's winner, too?"

A few (million) fans may disagree with our choice of the Cubs to win the National league pennant, relegating the St. Louis Cardinals and their three straight pennants to second place. But at the present writing it seems that Banjo Cholly Grimm and his Chicago Bruins have a bit of a corner on manpower—as far as Ford Frick's circuit is concerned.

If Uncle Sam grabs Billy Nicholson, National league home run king and runs-batted-in champion, our Chicago prediction may be a bit moist. Dashing Billy is in IA, but he is moving in to start the season, and he may last out.

Cubs Are Improved
The Cubs have improved considerably since last season when they finished fourth, after starting the campaign with 13 straight losses—with their morale all shot—and undergoing a change in managers from Jimmy Wilson to the ever-popular Grimm.

Grimm's outfit has solid pitching in Claude Passeau, Henry Wyse, Paul Erickson, Ray Prim, Charlie Gassaway, Hy Vandenberg, and George Woodard. It has five catchers! It has an experienced infield with veterans Phil Cavarretta and Stan Hack and the improving youngsters Lennie Muro and Don Johnson. Hard-hitting Heinz Becker may be able to replace Cavarretta at first, permitting Phil to go into the outfield. This would give additional strength to a strong force of picket men that includes Peanuts Lowmy, Andy Pafko, Nicholson and rookies Ed Sauer and Frank Secory.

Three Ships Lost As Nazis Attack Allied Convoy

LONDON, March 31 (UP)—Three allied ships were sunk and one was damaged by German planes and submarines that attacked a large convoy carrying war materials to Russia, it was disclosed today.

At least one German submarine and 12 planes were destroyed in a series of encounters that started when German aircraft began to shadow the convoy a few days after it set out.

The ships sunk were a corvette, a merchant ship and an undischarged ship of war. The damaged ship was an escort.

A large proportion of the ships in the convoy were American vessels, manned by several thousand U. S. merchant seamen. At least 6,000 officers and men of the British home fleet took part in guiding the convoy to Russia and back.

The convoy carried locomotives, freight cars, and other first priority materials needed by the Soviet armies for their drive across Germany.

Ninety-four per cent of the ships in the convoy reached their destinations, but the corvette Bluebell was torpedoed and sunk two other allied ships were damaged and two naval fighters were lost. One of the pilots was saved.

The admiral said the German air and submarine attacks were the most persistent and sustained in some time.

Nashville Five Holds Women's Hoop Title

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., March 31 (UP)—The Valley Conquest of Nashville, Tenn., still reigns as the national women's AAU basketball champions, but only by the narrow margin of two points.

They won their second consecutive title, last night by a narrow 22-20 victory over the Dr. Peppers of Little Rock, Ark., before a crowd of 4,500 fans.

Gasoline Tanker Trucks Collide

Gasoline trucks driven by R. B. Skiles of Baker and Van Meter of Portland collided yesterday near the Catherine Creek bridge when a truck ahead of them turned suddenly into a side road, causing the rear truck to hit the other.

An accident report filed with city police listed \$100 damage to one of the trucks.

No damage was reported to a collision between a truck and a car on the corner of Walla Walla, at Jefferson and Chestnut streets.

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TIE THIS ONE!—Susie Harvey, just three, has been tying flies for six months, is particularly proud of her half-hitch. Her tutor is George Harvey, Penn State's wartime track coach.

Canada Aluminum Deal Inquiry Is Asked by Cordon

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP)—Sen. Guy Cordon, R., Ore., has asked the senate small business committee to make a complete investigation of what he said was a "hush-hush deal" between U. S. government agencies and the Aluminum company of Canada.

He said the deal provides for the sale of "billions of pounds of Canadian aluminum" to this country.

Sen. Kenneth S. Wherry, R., Neb., told Cordon the committee plans to call William L. Clayton, assistant secretary of state, and William L. Batt, vice chairman of the war production board, to testify on Wednesday. They helped negotiate the recent contract between ALCAN and the U. S. government.

Cordon said the most recent contract for Canadian aluminum was between ALCAN and the Metals Reserve Corp. He said it calls for deliveries of 250,000,000 pounds of aluminum to begin July 1, 1945, or as soon as deliveries on previous contracts are completed.

The Defense Plants Corp. by 1942 had put \$68,500,000 into the construction of the ALCAN plant near Arvida, Quebec, he said.

"This plan is beyond U. S. control and taxation," Cordon testified. "Profits remain with ALCAN."

He said he had "personal knowledge" that aluminum can be produced in the northwest United States for less than the 15 cents a pound which is to be paid to ALCAN.

Jap Carrier, 10 Other Ships Sunk

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UP)—U. S. submarines have sunk a large Japanese aircraft carrier, four other combat ships and six merchant vessels.

The navy department announced the other combat craft included two destroyers and two escort vessels.

The merchantmen included three medium cargo vessels, a small cargo carrier, a large tanker and a medium cargo transporter.

This was the fourth Japanese aircraft carrier sunk by U. S. submarines in this war.

The latest successes added to 1,083 the total of Japanese ships sunk by our submarines to date.

There were 122 enemy combat craft among the total of ships sunk by the submarines.

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AS IF YOU DIDN'T GUESS—The layout on page 7 was just a reminder that tomorrow, in addition to being Easter Sunday, is April Fool's Day. Supper club comedian Jerry Mann and singer, Monica Lewis helped to perpetrate the gag.

Calendar of Coming Events

April 1: Community Easter concert, First Methodist church, 4 p. m.
April 1: Sunrise services, First Presbyterian church, 6 a. m.
April 2: Boy Scout board of review, Presbyterian church, 7:30 p. m.
April 2: La Grande chapter of DeMolay, Masonic temple, 7:30 p. m.
April 3: La Grande chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Masonic temple, 7:30 p. m.

Author Is Critical Of 'Bunk' Given Service Men's Wives

BALTIMORE, Md., March 31 (UP)—Soldiers' wives who absorb all the "bunk" being written on "how to handle the returning veterans" should have their heads examined, says Faith Baldwin, author of books on love, marriage and the American home.

Miss Baldwin advocates a normal approach to the reunion of the soldier and his wife. "If there is anything to a marriage," she says, "the couple should be able to pick up from where they left off and continue from there. If they really love each other this can be done."

Emphasizing her attitude towards all the advice being circulated on "what to do about the returning soldier," Miss Baldwin added, "if the wives absorb all the talk and reading that's being circulated, psychiatrists had better come in and examine them. They will need the examination more than the veterans."

People who circulate all these ideas about adjustments after the war evidently are trying to scare us, not only the wives but the mothers, too.

Miss Baldwin admitted that it is not possible to lay down a blanket rule for every couple. She expressed her belief, however, that most returning soldiers will adjust to civilian life satisfactorily.

Approximately 95 per cent of the world's population is located north of the equator.

Oregon Gasoline Consumption Down

SALEM, Ore., March 31 (UP)—A total of 15,971,765 gallons of gasoline was used in Oregon during the month of February. The motor vehicles division announced this is a decrease of 385,471 gallons from the same month last year.

Consumption for the first two months of 1945 was 32,562,185, as compared to 32,735,380 for the same period in 1944.

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- 1/2 and 3/4 H.P. Electric Motors
- 22 L.R. and Shot Gun Shells (Above items restricted to farm sale).
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- Golden Star Foamy Upholstery Cleaner
- 1/2-in. Shank Blacksmith Post Drills
- 100-ft. Coils Wire Clothes Line
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