Baer and Nova Enter Battle Confident

SPORT SPRINTS

By RON GEMMELL

According to the papers we've been perusing, abusing and bemusing, Maxwelton Baer, the Lancelot of Livermore, is booked to battle Lou Nova tonight.

Which is a statement slightly broad as to width, a bit bald-faced as to countenance, and probably altogether misleading as to content.

For Baer's professional history since winning the heavyweight championship from Primo Carnera in 1934 lacks 607 decimal points of coming up to the history of his amateur endeavors in night spots throughout the land. And, assuming that outside of Santa Claus history is the greatest repeater the world has ever known, a statement that Baer will "battle" Nova perhaps is not only misleading and indefinite, but should be well covered with cream and sugar before tossed down the alimentary canal of Kid Cauliflower's digestive tract.

Baer's record since 1934, and the reaction of fight filberts at each milestone, is:

1935—Lost a 15-round decision to James J. Braddock. ("He s-t-i-n-k-s!" cried pugilism populace).

1935—Knocked out in the fourth round by Joe Louis. ("He was scared stiff, then hit stiff," bellered battle-front eye witnesses).

1937—Lost a 15-round decision to Tommy Farr. ("He was lousy," yodeled all and sundry)

1938—Decisioned Tommy Farr in 12 rounds. ("Pretty potent," pattered few).

Since that last fight, which Baer claims was the turning point he has been a fighting fool. Repeatedly he has claimed he could without working up a sweat, clout everyone, including Joe Louis into the land of lost illusions. Having confined all of his fistic activity to hurling vocal left hooks that spent themselves in the ozone, there is no one who can readily refute his claims.

Not until tonight, anyhow. But we reckon tonight is the night. Nova, which Webster says means "a temporary or 'new star,'" may be somewhat of a novice, but it is our humble opinion he has too much youth and staying stuff for Maxie, whose night work has far exceeded his road work until the current "reformation."

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"Civil War" at Silverton.

Some pitcher's duel staged at Silverton Tuesday—14 and two thirds innings of scoreless baseball in which Silverton's Roy Heser ultimately bested Portland's Gene Fenter. Helser gave up only four hits, but the true noteworthiness of his pitching performance lays in the fact he walked only one.

The stocky southpaw flunked a big league chance two years ago primarily because of his inability to get the ball in there. The Cincinnati Reds, whom it is understood still have strings on Helser will undoubtedly recall him if he continues to show he has learned that which so many rookies have failed to master—control.

Silverton, by the way, has scheduled a "family night" fracas for next Wednesday night, with the Willamette Valley league leading Silverton Bees playing the State league leading Silverton Red Sox in an all-Silverton bill.

It's to be a real "civil war," according to Silverton fans, and will be preceded by ceremonies that include an opening pitch delivered by none other than her honor, Mayor Zetta Schlador. Notwithstanding the fact Silverton's mayor is a woman, we'll wager she delivers as smooth an opening pitch as most of the men mayors we've seen in action.

They've taken little Joe Erautt the 17-year-old youngster who last year was voted the outstanding Junior Legion ball player in the state, and who received all-star recognition in the national tourney, right to heart at Silverton. The stylish youngster has been doing a smart job of receiving in the two games he's worked and has come through with some timely stick-wielding.

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State Fight Center.

Salem is fast becoming a mecca for Oregon fight filberts, there being no other city in the state in which boxing is receiving the draw it is here. In fact, outside of Roseburg, which does stage intermittent cards, Salem to our knowledge is the only city in the state that does have a bash boulevard.

Ring enthusiasts are coming from as far north as Vancouver, Portland and Oregon City, and from as far south as Eugene for the Turner-Peterson title bout here next Wednesday night, and a sellout is almost assured.

Farmer Friend and Tex Salkeld mean to do business all summer at the Salem stand, and as long as they keep the shows of the high standard they have been the last two cards it should be a good business.

Concerning the upcoming titular brawl, Turner isn't nearly as heavy a favorite as he would have been before Peterson lowered the boom on Ray Morgan last week. While most of the local scrap contingent believe Turner to be too fast for Champion Buddy, they now can see where Buddy may hurt the dusky dynamo enough to slow him down.

"If Peterson connects, he's going to hurt Turner," was the way a local fan expressed his opinion yesterday. The speaker saw Peterson unfurl a good right hand in beating Morgan, something the Independence middleweight has heretofore lacked, and it is this new discovery that causes him, and others, to believe Turner will have trouble with Peterson.

Marquam Team Is Victor Over Evens Valley Club

EVENS VALLEY—Marquam defeated Evens Valley here Sunday 18 to 1 in a Mid-Willamette Valley league game. The win gave Marquam undisputed possession of first place in the league with four wins and no losses.

Marquam	18	14	1
Evens Valley	1	4	3

Meyers and Rorabaugh; Torguson, Willing, Muller and Gahler, Lovett.

Max Underdog In 15-Rounder

Baer's Training Serious but Underpins Still 30 Years Old

By SID FEDER

NEW YORK, May 3 —(AP)—Lured on by a shot at the heavyweight championship "big money," Max Baer, the reformed playboy, and Lou Nova, a determined young ex-cop giant, fight it out for 15 rounds or less in Yankee Stadium's ring tomorrow night.

Before a crowd expected to reach 30,000 to 40,000 and contribute to a gross gate of $100,000 or more, the two California "family men" climb into the ring at 9 p.m. (EST) at about even money in the betting.

The clash shapes up as one of the closest headline heavyweight fights—on paper—in years. For each of the punch-tossers it is his most important fight.

Baer Says Six

Baer, serious in training and purpose for the first time, hopes to become the first man in boxing history to win back the heavyweight championship. He is confident he can knock out his fellow-Californian in six rounds or less. Nova, who has skyrocketed to prominence in heavyweight circles in less than two years, is equally convinced he can get by Baer and then go on to take the title just as easily. "In fact," he says, "I will be disappointed if I don't kayo Maxie."

Since Promoter Jacobs has promised the victor a September shot at the winner of the June 28 title go between Joe Louis and Tony Galento, the principals in tomorrow night's tea party are playing for lots higher stakes than just a cut of the gate.

For the first time in his colorful madcap whirl through the fistic world, Baer has convinced the boys of his determination. The only question-mark now is whether his reformation has come too late.

Once a Clown . . .

This corner believes it has. From his six weeks of training routine at Ferndale, NY, Max has come with all his usual excellent physical equipment. He still has a physique finer than any other man in the ring. He still carries sleep-making medicine in his right hand and has added a hard left hook. But Maxie still likes to clown around the ring, and he'll walk in there tomorrow night on 30 year old legs.

So this department believes that unless he can polish off the strong, young ex-footballer in half a dozen rounds or less—and that is doubtful—Max will lose—or rather, Maxie's legs will lose for him.

Nova, on the other hand, is a fast moving, sturdy blonde belter, definitely a difficult target for Maxie's roundhouse rights. He throws lots of punches, and likes to come in close and mix it, which doesn't argue well for Maxie's right hand shots. Baer needs plenty of swinging room.

Nova's Legs Young

At his fantastic training base among the apes, elephants, lions and tigers at a Yogi center near Nyack, NY, Nova has given his sparring mates plenty, has shown a fast left hand, a "cute" right hand chop and a body attack which won't please Maxie one little bit. And, on top of all that, his legs are six years younger than Baer's.

Supporting the main go, which has "caught on" in popular fancy only during the last few days, with a resultant drop in the odds from 5-8 with Baer favorite, to about 5-6 and take your choice, are three four-round bouts. One is a five-rounder between two promising young New Jersey heavyweights, Pat Comiskey and Jimmy Quigley.

Silverton Entertains

SILVERTON—Silverton golfers will entertain Woodburn on the Silverton course Sunday in a return game. Silverton was defeated by Woodburn on the latter's course earlier in the season.

This is Silverton's only off Sunday in the baseball schedule.

36 Boys Turn out for Baseball School Lore

Solons Hamper Seattle Rally

Double Plays Nip Booms and Sacramento Wins Contest 5-4

SEATTLE, May 31—(AP)—Seattle outhit Sacramento tonight but three perfectly executed double plays stopped Rainier rallies and the Solons won their second game of the current Coast league series, 5 to 4.

Two singles, Art Garibaldi's double and a wild throw started Sacramento off with a lead of three runs in the second inning. Dib Williams trippled in the fourth and came home on a sacrifice for the fourth run. In the fifth inning Sacramento scored another run off two singles, and Bill Walker replaced Red Van Fleet in the pitcher's box for Seattle.

The Rainiers scored two runs in the fourth when Jo Jo White started a rally with his double. It was in this inning that Sacramento cut Seattle short with a double play. Again in the sixth and eighth double plays halted the Rainiers.

Seattle got 11 hits to Sacramento's eight.

Sacramento	5	8	2
Seattle	4	11	2

Angels Win

LOS ANGELES, May 31.—(AP)—Lee Stine, big Los Angeles right hander, had one of his really good nights as he shut out Oakland in the third game of the series, 6 to 0.

The Los Angeles victory, coupled with Seattle's loss to Sacramento, gave the Seraphs a three-game lead in the standing.

Oakland	0	5	2
Los Angeles	6	13	1

Bithorn, Salveson (4) and Conroy, Stine and R. Collins.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31—(AP)—Night game:

Hollywood	4	8	3
San Francisco	3	7	3

Ardizoia and Brenzel. Stutz, Ballou (9) and Sprinz.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 31—(AP)—Night game:

San Diego	4	9	1
Portland	3	7	2

Gonzales, Hare (9) and Detore. Hilcher and Adams.

Bean Packers Put Five on All-Star

STAYTON — Coach Gettmann's Bean Packers, who recently copped the Marion county B league baseball title by beating the northern division champion, Mt. Angel, in a three-game playoff series, placed three Mt. Angel, two Mill City, two Turner, one Scio and one Jefferson players on their all-opponents' team.

The championship Staytons placed five men on the 10-man county all-star squad, as released by Coach Gettman.

All-opponent team—Griesnaur, Mt. Angel, pitcher; Kendle, Scio, catcher; McDonald, Mill City, first; Weigart, Turner, second; Rogers, Mill City, third; Russell, Jefferson, short; and Buckhiet of Mt. Angel, Parrent of Turner and Pinnette of Mt. Angel, outfielders.

County all-star — Shelton and Jordan of Stayton, and Griesnaur of Mt. Angel, pitchers; Lambrecht, Stayton, catcher; McRae, Stayton, first; Weigart, Turner, second; Rogers, Mill City, third; Russell, Jefferson, short; Proctor of Stayton and Buckhiet and Pinnette of Mt. Angel, outfielders.

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Shaw Wins Death-Marred Speedway Race

Wilbur Shaw, veteran Indianapolis driver, is shown receiving the congratulations of admirers after speeding to triumph in the annual 500-mile Memorial day race over the Indianapolis motor speedway. Just as Shaw rode to victory, Floyd Roberts of Van Nuys, Calif., died in a hospital of injuries received in a three-car crash a short time before.

Archer Hits 98 To Bag Golf Tilt

Hunt Uses Bow and Arrow to Defeat Opponents Using Just Clubs

Captain Bill Hunt shot an arrow into the air 98 times and bagged himself a golf game over the Salem Golf club 18-hole layout yesterday, using a wide-open stance, a bent left arm and with his head up all the way.

Hunt, South Salem fire station captain, used a target bow and arrow to beat Assistant Fire Chief Billy Iwan and Harry Watson, both of whom used regulation golf clubs. Hunt's aim was terrific, claimed his opponents, especially with his long game, but his close-up play wasn't all that could be expected of the old master, William Tell.

Long Shots True

Although Hunt's longest tee shot was less than 180 yards, he was down the middle with every twang. In lieu of putting Hunt had to plink his arrow against the pin or flag.

It's a contagious sport in the local fire department, for Archer Glen Shedeck, the "absent-minded" tillerman, has challenged P. L. Clark, first aid car captain, to a similar match.

Bill Hawke, UO Gridder, Injured by Pistol Shot

EUGENE, Ore., May 31—(AP)—Bill Hawke of Seattle, University of Oregon student and halfback on the football squad last fall, accidentally shot himself in the right hip while practicing with a target pistol in the McKenzie valley.

Dr. Hal Chapman, who removed the bullet, said Hawke would recover fully barring infection.

Baer-Nova Battle Will Be Televised

NEW YORK, May 31—(AP)—The National Broadcasting company announced tonight the Max Baer-Lou Nova heavyweight fight tomorrow night would be televisioned direct from Yankee Stadium by station W2XBS.

It will be the first television of a regularly scheduled fight in the United States. The program will include the preliminary bouts starting about 8 p.m. (ECT).

A round by round broadcast of the main bout will be carried by NBC's Blue network at 6 p.m. (PST). .....

Girl Ball Players To Start Season

Salem's three women's softball clubs go into action shortly, with the Pade-Barricks, defending state titlists who this year have entered a Portland league, opening their season in an all-league jamboree at Peninsula Park Saturday night.

Coach Bob Keuscher's Pade-Barricks will draw for an opponent in the jamboree, that starts at 7 o'clock. Teams entered include Lind-Pomeroy, East Side Dairy, Cohn Bros., Neighbors of Woodcraft and WOW. First local game for the P-Bs is scheduled for June 16, against East Side Dairy.

The Barricks and Pades, entries in the Willamette Valley loop, open play next week. Doc Barrick's nine plays Independence here Monday night and goes to Albany Tuesday night, while Ben Pade's outfit plays Dallas here Wednesday night.

Salem, Silverton Split Ball Games

Inter-city YMCA sports festivities here yesterday saw the Salem Y, staging seven-run scoring spree in the fourth, defeat the Silverton Y 11 to 9 at baseball, but succumb 10 to 1 in softball.

Miller, Silverton softball chucker, scattered five hits to let Salem down hard. Basketball and gymnasium activities followed the ball games.

Baseball:

Silverton Y	9	10	8
Salem Y	11	9	5

Hatteburg and Simmons; Nelson, Page and Salstrom.

Softball:

Silverton Y	10	11	2
Salem Y	1	5	4

Miller and Dickman; Nelson, Yocom and Thompson, Nelson.

Foresters Dipped In Whitewash Pail

A real white-washing job was accomplished in the Commercial softball league last night, Red & White hitting safely 21 times to blast the Foresters 29 to 0. West Salem edged out St. Vincents, 7 to 6, in the second bill.

US Bank and Kennedys Cleaners wind up league play tonight, battling for the championship.

Red & White	29	21	0
Foresters	0	3	12

Mickenham and Ferguson; Marranics and Carsley.

West Salem	47	8	6
St. Vincents	6	7	2

Orry and Converse; Weisner and Meier.

Tony at Ringside Of Max-Lou Tilt

Galento to Look 'em Over Tonight as Prospective Opponents Fight

ASBURY PARK, N.J., May 31—(AP)—After Tony Galento "wins the heavyweight title" he may have to fight either Max Baer or Lou Nova, so he said today "I may as well take a look at them."

The look will be taken at the 15-round battle in Yankee stadium tomorrow night when the reformed California playboy and the likeable Nova clash to see who gets to meet the champion in September.

So Tony will take another stiff drill tomorrow and then motor to New York with his manager, Joe Jacobs to see the fight.

To Train Steadily

But that's the last "time out" Tony will take, because his fight with Louis is just a month from tomorrow and the pride of Orange, N.J., has a strict training routine.

He took an hour's workout this afternoon and plans another tomorrow before heading for the Baer-Nova fight.

Concerning the argosy to New York, Tony said, scornfully, "I would rather remain down here and get the ocean breezes than go to New York ,Asbury Park papers please copy) but after I win the title I will have to fight one of those bums so I may as well take a look at them.

Wimpy Quinn Is Captain for 1940

EUGENE, Ore., May 31—(AP)—The infield's candidate won the honors at Coach and Mrs. Howard Hobson's baseball party last night when members of the University of Oregon champion team elected Wellington H "Wimpy" Quinn captain for 1940.

Dodgers Down Giants 7 to 4

Rally in Eighth Decides as Hal Schumacher Is Routed

NEW YORK, May 31.—(AP)—The Brooklyn Dodgers tightened their hold on fifth place in the National league today with a stirring 7-4 victory over their city rivals, the Giants, today.

The victory, which came in the eighth inning, when they shoved three runs across on four hits, gave them a 2-1 edge in the series.

Tied from the third inning, the Dodgers routed Hal Schumacher from the mound in the eighth with a four hit assault, good for three runs. John Hudson's single scored Dolph Camilli who had singled, and sent Manager Leo Durocher to third. Durocher's bounder had forced Mungo at second. Then Al Todd, batting for Tuck Stainback, doubled past Mel Ott in right center, scoring Durocher and Hudson.

The Dodgers started the game with a three run attack, but the Giants managed to tie it up at 4-all in the third with a three-hit rally, one of them a homer by Mel Ott.

Luke Hamlin, who went the route for the Dodgers allowed but six hits in chalking up his fifth win of the season.

Brooklyn	7	12	1
New York	4	6	2

Hamlin and Phelps, Todd; Schumacher, Melton and Danning.

(Only games scheduled both leagues).

Jack Fahey Will Visit Wednesday

Manager to Watch Larry Trambitas Fight Here Against Proctor

One of the outstanding fight figures of a few years back will be at the armory bouts next Wednesday, when Buddy Peterson defends his Oregon middleweight title against Leo "The Lion" Turner of Portland.

Jack Fahey, manager of the late Mysterious Billy Smith, ex-welterweight champ of the world, and Valley, Johnny and Alex Trambitas, when they were in their prime, will be at the ringside. He is making the trip to see Larry, young son of Valley Trambitas, box Powder Proctor, the Portland wonder boy, in one of the six rounders.

May Manage Larry

If Larry has the stuff the Trambitas family has shown in the boxing game, Fahey expects to take him under his management. Larry is a tough kid, and a game one. He lost a close decision to Proctor, but his father and uncles claimed he wasn't in shape and have repeatedly asked for a rematch.

The main eventers have settled down to hard work in preparation for their 10-round scrap. Peterson looks better every time out, and Turner is working on a short right hand to beat Buddy's left hook.

Salem's VFW organization, which is back of the fights, warns fans to make reservations early as they have many requests for tickets from Amity, Dallas, Independence and Silverton.

Balance of the card, which will consist of three six-rounders and one four-round preliminary, will be announced tomorrow.

He's Doing It for the Baby

Max Baer strikes a pose, chews a penholder, and gets that faraway look in his eye as he regards Maxie, jr., and writes: "I'm going to win, kid." Max is confident he'll take Lou Nova in their bout in New York. If he wins, it's a step on the comeback trail; if he loses, he'll get some nice hard cash out of it.

Maple Schools Diamond Crew

Five Students Veterans of First Statesman Training Camp

Thirty six budding young baseballers, five of whom are four-year veterans, answered "Professor Howard Maple's roll call yesterday morning as the fourth annual Statesman-Legion baseball school opened on Sweetland field.

Clay Patterson, Don Bower, Eddie Salstrom, Tom Kay and Gordon Merriott comprise the quintet that has been yearly active in the school first sponsored in 1936 by Capital Post No. 9 of the American Legion together with The Oregon Statesman.

Light warm-up drills were scheduled by Maple, who is being assisted by Johnny Oraver, for most of the remainder of this week,with intersquad games to begin next week. Maple warned the young diamond enthusiasts to "take it easy" for the first few days, and said shortly the turnout would be divided into some four teams that would stage daily practice games.

Legion Club Planned

Games with neighboring Legion teams will also be scheduled by the school, out of which will evolve a Salem Legion Junior team—the first to be fielded here since 1934. Maple revealed that Ethan Grant, noted writer who has had a good deal of experience in handling Legion teams, will have charge of the Junior club.

Prospects for a strong Junior entry in the district playoffs was enhanced with the appearance of Ed "Ko-Ko" Yada and Bob Bailey in yesterday's tour-out. Yada, Salem high's crack catcher of the season just concluded, and Bailey, pitcher-outfielder, had been working out with the Woodburn Legion team and were thought lost to the Salem club. Declared by state Legion baseball authorities as ineligible for competition with Woodburn, the boys transferred to Salem.

Yesterday's turnout of 36 is expected to grow daily, that having been the experience in previous years. Boys who enrolled yesterday were:

Pitchers—Clay Patterson and Bob Bailey.

Catchers—Ed Yada, Bill Castle, Con Morley and Wayne Lundy.

Outfielders—Doug Jones, Bob Warren, Robert Mack, Windsor Acton, Bob Thompson, Marshall Smith, Don Woodward, Wally Gilchrist, Ralph Yocom, Bob Adams, Frankie Evans, Cy Williams, Bob Burns and Milton Freeman.

First basemen—Jerry McKay and Gordon Merriott.

Second basemen—Tom Kay, Dick Page, Travis Cross, Don Bower and Bud Hultenberg.

Shortstops—Austin Wilson and Bud Smith.

Third basemen—Eddie Salstrom and Bud Nelson.

General infielders—Bob Sederstrom, Bruce Rogers, James Vittone and Donald Mears.

Alpha Psis Victor In Softball Tilts

Alpha Psi Delta yesterday tucked away its third Willamette university intramural championship for 1939, taking its third straight softball title by defeating the Kimball Brethren, state intercollegiate champs, 13 to 9. The Alpha Psis also won the passball and pingpong titles this year.

Otto Skopil got four blows in four trips for the Brethren, while Humphries hit three-for-five and Gurin three-for-four for Alpha Psi.

Alpha Psi	13	12	7
Brethren	9	14	7

French and Eberly; McGlyn, Skopil and Gallon.

Mallory Has Best Bat for Webfoots

EUGENE, Ore., May 31—(AP)—Elmer Mallory, sophomore shortstop, swung the heaviest bat on the University of Oregon championship baseball lineup this season. He finished with a .356 average to top the team.

Mallory collected 26 hits in 73 times up in the 16-game schedule and was followed by Captain Ford Mullen, second baseman, who hit .348. Gale Smith, first baseman, and Wimpy Quinn, third baseman, each hit .333.

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