

# Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Dusting the high places, and wondering what has become of up-do coiffures . . . Or, in other words, what has made the wenchies quit wadding their wigs skyward? . . . It was a grand sport, while it lasted.

The air is so full of softball talk in this village the mayor and city council are considering purchase of a gigantic air conditioner . . . And 'tis yet a week before active hostilities begin . . . They're apt to be genuine hostilities, too, for there has been so much player-swapping, so much player-thieving, and so many refusals to release players that each of the six summer league clubs will be totally maddened at each of the other five by the time June 12 rolls up.

Difference between the Philadelphia Phillies now and the Philadelphia Phillies of the season's first three weeks: They were the "inspired" Phillies then but are the "expired" Phillies now . . . The latter statement also goes for the one-time inspired Maxie Baer, the eyes of whom, according to an AP sports scribe, looked like overdone mushrooms following his bashing by Lou "The Novice" Nova.

From the nightly northward exodus from Salem you'd think the dogs were running again, wouldn't you? . . . Vern Gilmore can't decide whether to rest on the laurels of that no-no state tourney till he last fall pitched against Bend or to try for a comeback . . . And we ain't advising him.

### Biscuits yet to Be Baked.

Statesman Society Sleuth Jerry Upston, who before this reaches you will be Mrs. Wheeler R. English, has all the efficiency experts we've ever heard of backed off the horizon . . . Three days before her wedding of yesterday the gal has had the English-pantry-to-be girded with groceries, the coffee in the pot and the milk ordered for the first English family breakfast, scheduled for Wednesday morning . . . The biscuits, though, W. R. E., they aren't baked yet.

Few golfers, even such top-flight tee-hounds as Harold Hank, Vern Gilmore and Happy Howard Maple, ever return to the clubhouse entirely satisfied with their performances . . . There's just one gent who ever announced himself as satisfied with his work, according to the story. He was, my fairway friends, Jug McSpaden, who sighed a piteous sigh after shooting a 59 over San Antonio's Breckenridge park course, which is par 71.

McSpaden, so the history says, captured 10 birds, one eagle and 10 pars. After which he went to a practice tee and put in a half hour at work on his drive . . . Some fellows I know would set out to par the course at the nearest bar after a round like McSpaden's.

Although gambling is supposed to be illegal in this country of ours, the National Association of State Racing Commissioners reveals that the states' share from mutual tracks in 1933 was \$9,576,334.75 . . . Perhaps we're a little dumb, but we'll never, never be able to understand why it is any more legal for a state to gamble than it is for any one of its subjects.

### Suzie Softball Champs May Show.

While all of the Yankees have hit homers this year, it is the Cincy Reds who have hit an average of one homer per game . . . The only thing I'd care to pitch to those guys is peanuts.

Gurnee Fleisher, majordomo of the Salem Softball association, may give us an opportunity to gander at the world's champion women's softball team before the summer's o'er . . . The national gonfalon-grabbing gals played for Alameda, Calif., last year, but really hail from Stockton . . . They boast a 200-pound pitcher who is said to be as good as Percy "Pinwheel" Crofoot, and a slugger who hit two 300-foot homers in a championship game . . . Oh, no, they won't play any of our girls' teams, if they come, but will go against the very best men's team Salem can whip together.

New York scribes acclaim Babe Dahlgren, who replaced "Iron Man" Lou Gehrig, as the equal of Hal Chase of George Sisler, or even Scoop Casey, at fielding that first base slot . . . One thing about this National Debt week is that everybody is probably qualified to participate.

It will be another of those pitiful sights when Lou Nova meets Joe Louis in September. For Nova, probably one of the best of the bad lot of heavyweight contenders, in this writer's humble opinion, is outclassed by the Sepia Slayer a distance far greater than was Baer by him.

### Leo-Buddy Go Even Dough.

We would never have believed it, but it now appears that Buddy Peterson, the Oregon middleweight champ, and Leo "The Lion" Turner, his dusky challenger, will go to the pugilistic pole next Wednesday night even-up in the betting . . . When the match was first talked about it was our sincere belief Turner would be carrying somewhere in the neighborhood of 10 to 5 odds at ring time. Portland bookies, however, were yesterday posting 10 to 8 on Turner, and there was every indication that independence money would hammer it down to an even go by Wednesday.

Although we have been a strong Turner backer, we can see some justification for the swing in the odds. After all, Peterson is the champion until beaten and always the smart money rides the titlist unless the odds are prohibitively high on him . . . In this fight the odds opened heavily on Turner, and it's natural that the cagey dough would go on Peterson.

Too, there's the unknown quantity of Turner's ability to take it, while the gameness of Peterson is well known. Numerous times Buddy has bounced off the floor to come back and get his man, while Turner has yet to be dumped in the resin . . . Should Buddy land one of his devastating left hooks, and the Independence farm lad really packs gloom in that particular part of his ring repertoire, Turner may fail to qualify for the succeeding round.

Those one-round knockouts scored by Turner in his last two fights here, however, loom particularly bright in our memory. On the night of April 12 Turner slammed Jackie Wilson of Seattle to sleep in one minute and 14 seconds. Two weeks later, on the night of April 26, he grounded "Puncher" Portlow five times and then rocked him to sleep in two minutes and 10 seconds . . . It was a left hook that started Wilson into dreamland, while a right cross polished off Portlow.

All of which points to two indelible truths: 1. Turner can hit. 2. Turner can hit with either hand . . . And, fight filberts, if you never get hit you never will have to prove whether you can take it or not.

Risk your money accordingly.

### Fireworks Fizzle At Bout Meeting

Louis Doesn't Show and Galento Has Single Wisecrack

NEW YORK, June 3-(AP)—The champion didn't even show up; Tony Galento, the challenger, had only one wisecrack to offer, and so the expected fireworks at the formal signing for the Joe Louis-Galento heavyweight championship fight today fizzled completely.

So, with popping flashlights as the only fan-fare, Galento, Brig-Gen. John J. Phelan, chairman of the New York state athletic commission, and Julian Black, co-manager of the champion, signed the triplicates that binds the fight to New York's Yankee stadium on June 25.

Tony's only contribution to the assembled newspapermen, was "Louis is afraid. He didn't show up."

The word along "Jacobs beach" had been that plenty was going to happen before the fight would be formally ratified. In the first place, there was talk that it would be transferred to Philadelphia.

Secondly, the matter of issuing a second license to Joe Jacobs, Galento's manager was to be altered and the two items were so entwined that a refusal to grant the license was to be the signal for an exodus of the battle to Philadelphia—or Chicago, depending on where you got the information.

But the commission, in a closed session, granted Jacobs his license. That left nothing for anyone to do but sign for the Yankee stadium site—and that was attended to without incident—other than Galento's remark, which he probably will live to regret.

Jacobs was elated over obtaining his second license.

# Bronx Bombers Held to 10 Hits

## Yankees Take Indians Again

Browns Continue Losing Ways as They Drop 11th Straight

CLEVELAND, June 3-(AP)—The New York Yankees were hauled down from their rarified hitting heights today but squeezed out a 3 to 2 victory over the Cleveland Indians nevertheless to sweep their three-game series.

Mel Harder, the Tribe's well-seasoned righthander, scattered 10 hits but these proved enough for the world champions. Babe Dahlgren, who took over Lou Gehrig's first base job last month, got the third of three singles the Yanks bunched for a run in the second inning and his fourth homer of the season for a run in the fifth.

The deciding tally was punched across in the eighth on a single by Bill Dickey and a double by George Selkirk.

Bump Hadley, pitching five-hit ball, joined two Yankee teammates who have won five games without losing, but he had to be helped in the ninth by Johnny Murphy.

Jeff Heath corralled three of the Indians' hits and scored one of the runs.

New York . . . . . 3 10 2  
Cleveland . . . . . 2 5 3  
Hadley, Murphy (9) and Dickey, Harder and Pytkik.

Browns Baffled  
ST. LOUIS, June 3-(AP)—The baffled St. Louis Browns are finding the lane longer and longer, with still no turn to victory.

They dropped their 10th and 11th games in a row today, falling before the Philadelphia Athletics, 5 to 3 and 8 to 6, in a doubleheader. The twin victories put the A's in sixth place.

In the first game, George McQuinn drove in all the Browns' runs with two homers, one of them with a man on.

First game:  
Philadelphia . . . . . 5 7 0  
St. Louis . . . . . 3 9 0  
Beckman and Bruckner, Hayes (8), Gill and Glenn.

Second game:  
Philadelphia . . . . . 8 17 1  
St. Louis . . . . . 6 10 1  
Ross, Joyce (8) and Hayes, Lawson, Trotter and Glenn.

Sox Take Rubber  
CHICAGO, June 3-(AP)—Catcher Angelo Guilianni's error on a throw from Pitcher Joe Krakauskas allowed Gee Walker to score the winning run today as Chicago defeated Washington, 8 to 7, in the rubber game of their series.

Washington . . . . . 7 12 2  
Chicago . . . . . 8 18 1  
Carrasquel, Kelly (8), Krakauskas (8) and Early, Guilianni (8), Rigney, Smith (5) and Tresh.

Boston at Detroit postponed, rain.

## 2nd Half Starts In Valley League

Second Division Tossers May Upset Leaders in Encounters Today

Willamette Valley League

W	L	Pct
Silverton	5	.487
Woodburn	5	.714
Sherwood	5	.714
Canby	4	.571
Lone Elder	4	.571
Willamette	3	.429
St. Paul	1	.143
Beavercreek	0	.000

Sunday's Games  
Lone Elder at Canby.  
Beavercreek at Sherwood.  
Silverton at St. Paul.  
Willamette at Woodburn.

By shutting out the Canby Firemen last Sunday the Silverton Bees walked off with first half honors in the Willamette Valley league. Pacing the league from the initial round, the hustling "Bees" found but one hurdle too tough for them, their neighboring

### Who Got Hurt the Worst?



Max Baer (left) and Lou Nova (right) were a couple of pretty battered young men when they met in New York the day after their heavyweight fight in the Yankee stadium which Nova won by a technical knockout in the 11th round. Baer sported a pair of shiners and a badly cut mouth, while Nova wore a bandage around his head to protect his left ear. Lending a sympathetic ear is former champion Jimmy Braddock.

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Salem, Oregon, Sunday Morning, June 4, 1939

## City Playgrounds Open Monday

Here's The Statesman-Legion Diamond Clan



Above, Coach Howard Maple, with Johnny Oravec and Harry Collins, calls time out from a bit of base-running practice as The Statesman photographer takes a look in on the fourth-annual Statesman-Legion baseball school at Sweetland. Below, the youthful big leaguers pose for a squad close-up. From left to right they are: front row—Coach Howard Maple, Leland McLeod, Travis Cross, Gilbert Noffinger, Austin Wilson, Bob McKay, Ian Thompson, Bud Hultenberg, Bud Smith, Don Page, Melvin Gartner, Don McLaughlin, Wilbur Holmes. Second row—Assistant Coach Johnny Oravec, Jerry McKay, Bob Causey, Cy Williams, Ed Yada, John Hoffer, Leonard Frantz, Deb McLaughlin, Don Barnick, Bob Bailey, Joe Yada, Bob Sederstrom, Dick Page, and Harry Collins, one of Salem's top sports boosters. Third row—Jerry Lynn, Don Toomb, Don Bower, Ed Fitzsimmons, Don Eland, Joe Bowersox, Bob Adams, Harry Wiedman, Earl Clark, Windsor Acton. Fourth row—Merrill McLeod, Richard Thatcher, Jerry Williams, Eddie Salstrom, Frankie Evans, Don Woodward, Bob Sullivan, Wilbur Hoffstetter, Bill Castle, Roy Priem, Clair Priem.

rivals from Woodburn. Sherwood nipped Woodburn's championship aspirations however by upsetting them in the final round.

Sunday's opening of the second half will find all teams again on an even basis. Several second division teams have shown such improvement in recent games that quite a change in ranking teams is promised this half. The Silverton "Bees" must bear this in mind when they travel to St. Paul for the "Saints" have had a lean season and are in the proper mood to trip the Bees. Probable batteries will be Wahl and Johnson for Silverton and Mills and Wohlgemuth for St. Paul.

Lone Elder and Canby will stage another little civil war at Canby. Lone Elder dealt a blow to the Firemen's hopes in the initial game of the first half and is contemplating another when they sense Glenn to the mound. Bill Anton will draw the pitching assignment for Canby.

Sherwood plays host to Beavercreek and should find the "Highlanders" not quite the soft touch they were in the first round. Podbielan and Laurens will work for the home club opposing Evans and Hagedorn of the visitors.

The pitcher's duel of the league this week will probably be staged at Woodburn when the Kendall brothers battery of Willamette moves in on Bourbonnais and his mates.

## Johnstown Winner Of Belmont Stake

Big Black Horse Gallops Home Five Lengths Ahead of Pack

NEW YORK, June 3-(AP)—Tall, dark and handsome Johnstown just about cleared up any lingering doubt to his right as champion of the three-year-olds today by galloping home five lengths in the 71st running of the classic Belmont stakes.

Adding this mile-and-half test of endurance in speed to his previous conquests in the Withers mile, the Kentucky derby, the Wood memorial and the Faunonok, William Woodward's whirlwind ran away from a field of five others.

Starting from the rail, he broke on top, and made every pole a winning one as he covered the long run of the mile and a half in 2:00.50, just one off the track record, set by War Admiral in winning this stake two years ago.

Without the hindrance of heavy going, such as that which proved him no mudder in the Preakness—his only defeat in seven three-year-old starts—"Big John" was the whole show. Jockey Jimmy Stout had to do little more than hold on.

## League Baseball

Coast League (Before Night Games)

W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	40	.615
Seattle	38	.594
San Francisco	36	.558
Oakland	29	.460
Hollywood	25	.452
San Diego	27	.458
Portland	26	.432
Sacramento	25	.424

American League

W	L	Pct
New York	22	.521
Boston	22	.529
Chicago	21	.553
Cleveland	19	.514
Detroit	17	.425
Philadelphia	18	.421
Washington	18	.385
St. Louis	11	.297

National League

W	L	Pct
Cincinnati	27	.659
St. Louis	24	.615
Pittsburgh	21	.538
Chicago	21	.525
Brooklyn	18	.486
New York	18	.439
Boston	16	.410
Philadelphia	12	.316

## Mrs. Bernardi Is Golf Play Titlist

Mrs. Fred Bernardi, defeating Mrs. Bob Taylor 4 and 3 in the finals, Friday became champion of the women's spring handicap golf tourney.

Number two flight of the A class was won by Dorothy Olinger, who defeated Petrie for the title, while Mrs. R. S. Hamilton defeated Mrs. Bone for the B class championship and Mrs. Stockwell defeated Mrs. Joe Adolph for the place of the three-year-olds today.

A two-ball foursome tourney is set for June 11 on the Salem course, eligible to both men and women club members. Partners for the meet will be drawn.

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The grudge gouge is for one fall, with only low punches and eye-gouging barred. Referee Henry Elliott is scheduled to be on hand to attempt to keep some semblance of rules, but has intimated he will be more of a bystander than an arbiter. The match is strictly a private affair but fans who have seen the billed performances that precede it may stay if they like, or outsiders may witness it without charge.

Eddie Roberts, said to be the most spectacular grappler ever to come west, has the main event notch in the regular bill, against the Australian smoothy, Bobby Wagner. They'll tussle over the conventional one hour, two-out-of-three falls route.

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## WRESTLING

Eddie Roberts vs. Bob Wagner  
1 Hour

CHARLIE CARR vs. JACKIE NICHOLS  
30 Minutes

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## Boston Turns Table on Reds

Beaten Seven Times, Bees Win 4 to 3 but Victory Loses Hurler

BOSTON, June 3-(AP)—The seventh-place Boston Bees, beaten seven straight times by the Cincinnati Reds, turned the tables on the National league leaders today and whipped them, 4 to 3, but temporarily lost the services of pitcher Jim Turner.

The Bees' hurler took a hard line drive from Ival Goodman full in the face in the sixth inning, suffering a broken nose and a badly-gashed right cheek. Before he was taken to a hospital, a doctor called from the stands sewed five stitches in Turner's cheek.

Before being literally knocked out of the game, Turner did yeoman service on the mound and at bat, driving in Boston's first two runs in the fourth with a double. Cincinnati . . . . . 3 9 1  
Boston . . . . . 4 10 1  
Grison, Davis and Lombardi, Hershberger, Turner, Sullivan, Livengood and Lopez.

## Giant Rally Wins

NEW YORK, June 3-(AP)—Tony Lazzeri hit a home run with one on to cap a four-run rally in the seventh today and give the New York Giants a 6 to 5 victory in the deciding game of their three-game series with the St. Louis Cardinals.

The playgroups will again sponsor, in conjunction with the YMCA, the summer industrial and commercial softball leagues, and a meeting of all sponsors interested in similar teams is set for Wednesday night of this week in the administration building at 434 North High street.

Parrish Coach Tommy Drynan and Leslie Coach Gurnee Fleisher will be in charge of Olinger and Leslie pools, respectively, while Life Guards Bunny Bennett and Bob Brownell will be stationed at Olinger and Forbes Mack and Bud Reynolds at Leslie.

Children's activities at Olinger will be handled by Bessie Shinn, with Theresa Mathis in charge of kindergarten handicrafts and with Mrs. Louise Thompson assisting. Ruth Yocum will be in charge of children's activities at Leslie, assisted by Katherine McGinnis.

Cotter Gould will again head the WPA staff in charge of physical activities, assisted by Webb Traglio and Clayton Whitney.

## Fieldhouse Given To Rock's Memory

Coach Is Realized at South Bend

SOUTH BEND, Ind., June 3-(AP)—The dream of his lifetime came true in death today for the late Knute K. Rock as Notre Dame's new memorial fieldhouse was dedicated to his memory.

The former Notre Dame athletic director and football coach was killed in an airplane crash in 1931. For years he had hoped to see the culmination of his university's athletics program which today ceremonies marked.

Highlighting Notre Dame's 55th annual commencement, the dedicatory addresses in memory of "Rock" were made from a platform in front of the fieldhouse.

His football and track teammates gathered together, recalling the "Rock" of cinder path and gridiron. His widow and their two sons sat together on the platform, looking on with poignant memories of "Rock," the husband and father. Old grads who were his mates in the silver jubilee class of 1914 were in the audience.

A flag-draped color photograph of the former coach topped the platform, which was flanked by the university band and the university choir.

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