AFTER TRIPLE CROWN - - - - By Jack Sords

It's 18th Title Defense For Champion Joe Louis

Meets Challenger Conn At 6 (PST) Tonight

By SID FEDER

NEW YORK, June 17–(AP)–Joe Louis puts his world heavyweight championship on the line for the 18th time Wednesday night, and for the first time in three year's there's some question as to whether his guns are going to go off.

He tangles with Billy Conn, a handsome curly-haired Irish kid from Pittsburgh, for 15 rounds or less in the Polo Grounds at 6 p. m. (PST) and so large has "pretty boy's" slim figure loomed on the heavyweight horizon in the past six months that 40,000 of the faithful are expected to pour into the big Harlam ball park.

They will contribute to a gross gate which Promoter Mike Jacobs confidently expects will hit the $400,000 mark and go beyond. And they will be sitting in to see the answer to two questions:

Has Louis gone back; has he lost his dynamite?

Are Conn's terrific speed and dazzling left hand enough to stand up for the "derby route" against the fearful flailing power of the Bomber?

No matter how you look at it, that is exactly how the fight shapes up... It's the old argument of the good little man and the good big one. At 27, riding high on the most active reign any heavyweight ruler has ever enjoyed, Louis is no longer the dark destroyer of that night three years ago when he put Max Schmeling into a hospital in 2½ minutes. He has lost the drive and "spark" which invariably leaves a fighter when he's no longer hungry. He is slower. He doesn't "get off" his punches with the speed of a 16-inch gun cutting loose any more. But he can still make birdies sing for anybody he hits enough.

Against that Conn brings four years more of youth and a boxing ability the like of which hasn't been seen since Tommy Laughran was the Philadelphia phantom. He has a left hook to the body which has put several of his rivals on a milk diet for a couple of days after he finished bouncing shots off their hides.

Joe has worked harder in training for this get-together than for any since he was out for revenge against Schmeling. He has concentrated on high-geared speed, intent on tearing Billy Boy apart with one punch, if one will do. On top of that, he has been irked out of his sleepy monosyllabic self by what he insists are Conn's "smart cracks."

"That Billy is too fresh and talks too much," he insists when asked about the Smoky City youngster's comment that Joe is only half the fighter he was.

This peeve of the champion's, along with the fact that Conn will be spotting the Bomber more than 20 pounds—He'll weigh in at less than 180 and Joe will hit 200, more or less, on the nose—have led many to put the finger on Louis to keep right on in the winner's circle. However, the actual betting odds, are narrowing down to 2 to 5, went up today to 5 to 16 in favor of Louis. This is the shortest price Joe has been for any tussle since the second Schmeling go. Even the fight writers coming in for the fight only go for Louis on a 2 to 1 majority.

Yankees' Win Streak Halted By White Sox

AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct		W	L	Pct
Clevel'nd	37	23	.617	Detroit	31	28	.525
NewYork	33	23	.589	Philadel	26	29	.473
Boston	30	23	.566	St. Louis	18	34	.346
Chicago	30	26	.536	Washgtn	19	37	.339

St. Louis-Washington, rain.

NEW YORK, June 17–(AP)–The pell-mell rush of the New York Yankees was interrupted Tuesday by the Chicago White Sox with an 8 to 7 victory after the Yankees had won eight straight games.

It was a wild struggle with each team using three pitchers and the ordinarily light-hitting White Sox getting 11 of the game's 20 hits. Nineteen of the blows were singles and the only extra base knock was a two-run homer by Charley Keller to tie the score in the eighth inning.

This spoiled the farewell appearance of Johnny Rigney, the Sox's sterling righthander, who expects to be inducted into the army on Friday.

Chicago	8	11	0
New York	7	9	2

Rigney, Hallett (8), E. Smith (9) and Tresh; Peek, Stanceau (7), Murphy (8) and Dickey.

Bosox, Tiges Split

BOSTON, June 17 –(AP)– After setting off the wildest barrage of their home season, an eight-run rally in the seventh, to take the opener, 14-6, the Red Sox were forced to split their Bunker Hill day doubleheader before a 23,000 crowd Tuesday when the Detroit Tigers came from behind in the ninth to capture the second game, 8-5.

With Rudy York blasting out his 14th homer of the season with the bases loaded in the second inning, the Tigers built up a 6-5 lead that they protected until the sockers pounded Luther Thomas and Harold Newhouser in the seventh. After Lou Finney opened by reaching first on an error, Ted Williams cracked out his 13th homer and before the side could be retired, six other sockers hit safely and three of them walked.

First game:

Detroit	6	11	5
Boston	14	15	0

Giebell, Thomas (3), Newhouser (7), and Sullivan; Dobson, Wilson (2), and Peacock.

Second game:

Detroit	8	10	0
Boston	5	9	4

Gorsica, Benton (7), McKain (8), Trout (9), and Tebbetts; Wagner, Ryba (6), Fleming (7) and Pytlak.

Tribe Trips A's

PHILADELPHIA, June 17–(AP)– A wild pitch by Phil Marchildon permitting Gerald Walker to score from third in the eighth inning shattered a 2-2 tie and gave Cleveland an uphill 3 to 2 victory over the Athletics at Shibe park Tuesday night.

Cleveland	3	9	2
Philadelphia	2	8	0

Heving and Hemsley; Marchildon and Hayes.

League Baseball

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Louisville 4, Milwaukee 1.
Indianapolis 0, Kansas City 2.
Columbus 3, Minneapolis 6.
Toledo 3, St. Paul 5.

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Cards Continue Drive for Flag In Nat League

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct		W	L	Pct
St. Louis	39	18	.684	Chicago	27	29	.482
Brooklyn	37	18	.673	Pittsbgh	21	27	.438
Cincinnti	30	27	.526	Boston	18	33	.353
NewYork	28	27	.509	Philadel	17	38	.309

ST. LOUIS, June 17 –(AP)– The St. Louis Cardinals thumped the Philadelphia Phillies 11 to 3 Tuesday in a continuation of their drive toward a pennant but for all practical purposes the game could have ended after the first inning.

Before a Cardinal was retired four runs had been scored, enough to win.

Philadelphia	3	6	2
St. Louis	11	13	0

Beck, Hoerst (1), Melton (6), and Warren, Livingston (4); M. Cooper, and Mancuso.

Brooks Edge Cubs

CHICAGO, June 17 –(AP)– A three-run homer by Jim Wasdell in the first half of the 10th inning was more than the Chicago Cubs could match Tuesday, although Hank Leiber hit for the circuit with one on, and the Dodgers captured a 7 to 6 victory.

Brooklyn	7	11	0
Chicago	6	12	1

Wyatt, Casey (10) and Owen, Franks (8); Lee, Page (10) and McCullough.

Reds Rap Braves

CINCINNATI, June 17 –(AP)– Art Johnson, sensational young southpaw up from Hartford, Conn., lasted just long enough to get one man out Tuesday as the Cincinnati Reds reached him for four runs on four hits in the first inning and went on to defeat Boston 5 to 3.

Boston	3	10	0
Cincinnati	5	7	0

Johnson, Hutchings (1) and Berres, Masi (6); Derringer and Lombardi.

Jints Drop Bucs

PITTSBURGH, June 17 –(AP)– The wildness of Rip Sewell helped the New York Giants to race away to a five-run lead in the first three innings Tuesday and cost the Pittsburgh Pirates a 6 to 3 defeat.

New York	6	9	2
Pittsburgh	3	10	2

Hubbell and Danning; Sewell, J. Bowman (3), and Lopez.

Steers, Cal's Relay Team Set World Marks as Coast Conference Beats Big Ten

By ROBERT MYERS

LOS ANGELES, June 17–(AP)–World records in the one mile relay and the high jump were beaten Tuesday night as the Pacific Coast conference swamped the best of the Big Ten in the fifth annual dual meet before a yelling crowd of 10,000.

California's crack four-man relay team edged out a scant victory over the University of Southern California in the featured mile relay in world shattering time of 3 minutes 9.4 seconds.

The Trojan anchor man was caught some four inches back of the California last lapper, Grover Kelmmer, at the finish.

The Big Ten team after a game try faded in the last two laps before the blinding speed of the two leaders.

With the west coast lads winning the meet by the top heavy score of 80 to 56, the previous thrill of the evening came when Oregon's Les Steers soared six feet 11 inches for a new world mark in the high jump.

The winning relay time was faster than the world's record of 3 minutes 10.5 seconds set in 1940 by a Stanford team.

The Coast Conference aggregation scored firsts in nine events and the relay.

Steers cleared the bar on his second try and it was placed higher for another jump. Steers several weeks ago in this same coliseum jumped six feet 10⅝ inches. The old world record is six feet 9¾ inches, held by Cornelius Johnson and Dave Albritten.

Steers asked for the bar at 7 feet but missed—one by a thin edge—in the official three tries.

Wayne Tolliver of Indiana held off a stretch challenge by Noel Williams of Washington State to win the two mile race in the good time of 9 minutes, 15.6 seconds.

Kjell Qvale of Washington and Hal Sinclair of UCLA for the Coast Conference ran one, two in the 100 yard dash with Myron Piker, the Big Ten champion third. The time was 9.8 seconds. Pat Haley, Washington State, pulled a muscle in the relay earlier and did not run.

Campbell Kane added five points to the Big Ten total when he nudged out Dick Peter of California in the mile. Phil Leibowitz of Idaho ran third. Kane ran a smart race and held off a final threat by Peter in the last 100 yards. The time was 4 minutes, 13.9 seconds, two-tenths shy of the meet record.

In the 880, Breidenbach of Michigan finished in 1 minute, 52.6 seconds, with Dale of Washington State second, Syde of Stanford third and Lang of Washington State fourth.

Sinclair of UCLA, took the 200 dash, finishing in 21.5 seconds. Qvale, Washington, was second.

Lipscomb Ends Tag Mat Mix

Herb Parks, using an emphasized goosestep, almost kicked all the stuffing out of both Bulldog Jackson and Jack Lipscomb before the latter duo ended the team tag grapple at Salem's armory Tuesday night.

Lipscomb brought the wild affair to a close by grabbing Parks' leg and whirling the Canadian grappler to the floor in a body press for the deciding fall. Parks was doing nobly until then, booting first one and then the other of the meany tandem out of the ring as fast as he entered.

Parks and Teammate Sneeze Achiu annexed the first fall but the Jackson-Lipscomb tandem took the second and third to win the match.

Billy McCuin defeated Elton Owen two straight in the opener.

Sport Sparks

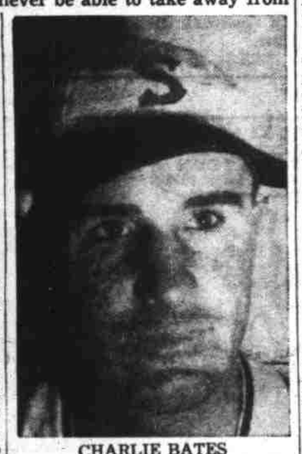
By RON GEMMELL

Hello, Lebanon.

No answer.

Reason: They're too busy over there talking about young Chet Simpson's pitching victory over the San Francisco Seals in the kid's first professional baseball start.

And they certainly can't be blamed. Chester-the-Chucker may get his ears pinned back the first time the Little Skip sends him in against a WI club, but you'll never be able to take away from him the fact that he gave a class AA team but five singles (and three of 'em mighty scratchy ones, at that) in his very first start in the play-for-pay game.



CHARLIE BATES

Sure it was a kings-x exhibition game. So what? So maybe you think the Seals, better known as the O'Douls in the bay area, weren't trying to hit again, please, because the Seals,' nor any other club, don't play that way in exhibition or any other kind of baseball contests.

Chester-the-Chucker does have a pretty pert slider, you know. It's what the boys term a "snaky" fast one. It doesn't boom, and explode, as sometimes does Frankie Dierickx's fog ball, but it never comes up there but what it is jumping, or sliding, away from lefthanders and into righthanders. It's an "alive" pitch. It tends to make righthanders hit it on the handle and lefthanders to miss it entirely.

His curve ball isn't anything to get up in the night and write home about yet, and he lacks the control to be really mean, but, as Umpire Amby Moran said following the kid's corralling of the Seals, "the kid has a future, and I do mean a future."

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Ask About Frankie

Even more amazing than his success, and of course a major contributing factor toward it was Chester-the-Chucker's coolness in his baptismal. Only once in facing 37 Seals did Chet show signs of becoming jittery. That was when "Poosh-'Em-Up" Tony Lazzeri strode up in front of him as a pinch-hitter. But, please, what kid wouldn't want to throw that baseball anywhere but over the plate to such a famous socker of baseballs? You couldn't have blamed Chester if he'd eaten the ball.

Such baseball fellows of national repute as Lefty O'Doul, himself, Walter "The Great" Mails, now publicity proponent par wuxtra for the Seals and Larry Woodall had some nice things to say about Simpson following his win over their boys. But do you know whom the San Francisco fellows were most interested to learn about? No?

Well, Lefty and Walter asked more questions about Frankie Dierickx than Frankie-the-Flipper will have to answer in his draft questionnaire. Who tipped the Seal ivory hunters off on Dierickx, I'n not sure, but they're plenty interested.

Even Happy Howard Maple, the Solon business boss, couldn't guess the name of the informer. As for yours sincerely, he has a wee bit of an idea. Couldn't it be Larry Jansen, the Seal youngster who, like Dierickx, hails from Forest Grove also? I think I've got something there.

Anyhoo, 'tis just possible our Solons, who bought him from Detroit for the stupendous sum of $300, may stand to reap a profit of say, $2500 off Frankie-the-Flipper.

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Best in Biz

"That 20-year-old kid out there on first base, Ferris Fain, is a better all-around first baseman right now than was Wally Pipp, the old Yankee star who is often cited, along with Hal Chase and George Sisler, as the best first basemen of all times," said Lefty O'Doul in a fanning session during the Solon-Seal mix.

"And", said Lefty, "your Charlie Bates is even a better fielding first baseman than is Fain."

Lefty's bald statement left your correspondent gasping for breath. No one had to tell me Bates is a marvelous fielder around that initial bag, but to have someone like O'Doul, who has seen and played with the best, all the same as name Charlie as the BEST fielding first baseman of all times almost floored me.

O'Doul's statement arose out of a discussion of oldtime baseball greats, as compared to today's gamesters. O'Doul received complete acquiescence from Mails and Carl Mays when he said there was no question in his mind but what many a ball player today is as good or better than the Cobbs, the Speakers, the Chances, the O'Douls, the Mays and the Mails of yesteryear.

"It's the same in baseball as in any other sport," said Lefty, "they're all better now than they used to be—the football players, the trackmen, the basketball players and the baseball players. They all have a better opportunity to be better."

Corvallis Golf Team to Come

Corvallis Country club's 24-man team is scheduled by the Salem Golf club squad on the Salem course Sunday, first foursomes teeing off at 9 a.m. Members of the Salem team, which was defeated 50½ to 21½ at Corvallis a month tgo, include:

Fisher, McCallister, Woodry, Rubenstein, Painter, Patterson, Pekar, Busick, Flanery, Emlen, Day, Starr, C. Dyer, Roberts, Heltzel, Coppock, Waterman, Curtis, Nash, Varley, Lengren, Hendrie, Higgins and Gadwa..

Turner Reigns Favorite in Thursday Mix

While bash boulevard's bettors up Portland way have Thursday night's Leo Turner-Powder Proctor fight tagged as an even-up affair, according to word trickling into Salem Tuesday, the champ reigns at least 10 to 8 favorite in the capital city.

Since Proctor holds a clean-cut decision over Turner in a 10-round battle that was waged prior to the time "The Lion" regained the Oregon middleweight crown, the odds would appear a trifle out of line.

However, fans point out the Turner made one of his frequent so-so fights against Proctor while in two bouts since then, against Kahut and Petersen, he has been the tigerish puncher he was in laying low such sock citizens as Alex Watson and Sig Barlund two years ago.

The Turner-Proctor title go of 10 rounds or less tops the VFW cards at the armory, which has as its semifinal attraction a meeting between Salem's own Keller Wagner and Dallas Bennett.

Wagner, victor in five straight professional fights via the knockout route, will be meeting the toughest puncher he has been called upon to face thus far. They are slated for six rounds.

Spokes Boost WI Loop Lead

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL

	W	L	Pct		W	L	Pct
Spokane	27	15	.643	Salem	19	25	.442
Yakima	25	16	.610	Wenatch	18	26	.409
Vancouv	24	23	.511	Tacoma	17	26	.395

Salem-Tacoma, rain.
Yakima-Vancouver, rain.

WENATCHEE, June 17–(AP)–A six-run attack in the seventh inning gave the Spokane Indians a 12 to 8 victory over the Wenatchee Chiefs in a Western International league baseball game here Tuesday night.

With Wenatchee leading 7 to 5 going into the seventh, Spokane got to two Wenatchee pitchers for six hits and the margin that the Chiefs' belated ninth inning one-run rally couldn't overcome.

Pete Hughes of Spokane hit the only home run, but five of his mates hit doubles and Chet Rosenlund hit a triple.

Spokane	12	17	3
Wenatchee	8	12	0

Lewis, Lanning (2) and Beard; Jacobsen, Williams (7) and Farrell.

Wright Victor

WILKES-BAARE, Pa., June 17 –(AP)–Chalky Wright, 127, New York negro, scored a technical knockout over Lloyd Pine, 130, Akron, 9. In the second round of their scheduled 10-round bout Tuesday night. Referee Johnny Kelly stopped it after Pine went down for a nine count.

Bevos Turn Defeat Into Victory With 9th Inning Outburst; Sacs Shellacked, 7-1

COAST LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct		W	L	Pct
Sacramto	50	20	.714	Los Ang	33	39	.458
SanDiego	38	34	.528	Hollywd	30	38	.441
Seattle	35	34	.507	Portland	30	39	.435
San Fran	35	37	.486	Oakland	30	40	.429

PORTLAND, June 17–(AP)–A four-run outburst in the ninth inning enabled the Portland Beavers to snatch a 10-9 victory from the San Francisco Seals in the opener of a Coast league series here Tuesday night.

San Francisco	9	9	0
Portland	10	13	0

Seats, Ballou (9) and Ogrodowski; Liska, Orrell, (3), Reid (9) and Annunzio.

SEATTLE, June 17–(AP)–Righthander Hal Turpin won his eighth pitching victory of the season, against three defeats, as Seattle downed Los Angeles, 4 to 2, Tuesday night.

Third Baseban Dick Gyselman had a perfect night at bat for Seattle, hitting three doubles and a single, but getting thrown out trying to stretch the latter into a fourth double.

Los Angeles	2	6	4
Seattle	4	9	3

Bonetti and Campbell; Turpin and Fallon.

HOLLYWOOD, June 17–(AP)–San Diego pasted the failing Hollywood Stars with a 7 to 0 defeat Tuesday night. For the first eight innings, the Stars got only three balls out of the infield.

They filled the bases in the ninth but tight support aided Wally Herbert to choke off the rally and win his eighth victory of the season and Hollywood's ninth loss in a row.

San Diego	7	9	0
Hollywood	0	5	0

Hebert and Salkeld; Dasso, Joiner (3) and Brenzel.

Oakland, Calif., June 17–(AP)–The Oakland Acorns took a seventh inning stretch Tuesday night that knocked league leading Sacramento Solons out of a ball game 7 to 1.

Sacramento	1	7	3
Oakland	7	9	0

Schmidt and Lutz; Pippen and Raimondi.

Legion Nine Gets Help on Diamond

One of two tough problems which have confronted Ethan Grant, coach of the Salem Junior Legion baseball club, was in a measure solved Tuesday night when Legionnaires formed a work party that massaged the Leslie diamond into semblance of playing shape.

The other, need of a catcher, may find its solution in young Del Kurtz, according to Coach Grant. Kurtz, said Grant, has outshown all other boys and several positions and may be given an opportunity to handle the catching assignment.

A practice is slated at Olinger tonight.

Airlie Bests Ealls City

DALLAS — Airlie, behind the seven-strikeout pitching of Mohler, dropped Falls City 3 to 1 here Tuesday night in a Dallas Twilight league baseball clash that went but five innings.

Airlie	3	8	1
Falls City	1	6	3

Mohler and Lewis; Dill, Inman and Gardiner.

Stagg Returned

SEATTLE, June 17 –(AP)– The Seattle baseball club announced Tuesday Twin Falls of the Pioneer league had returned Catcher Bob Stagg, who was farmed out to the Idaho nine earlier in the season. Stagg is now being used as the Seattle bull pen catcher.

US General Succumbs

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., June 17 –(AP)–Maj. Gen. Ernest Hinds, 76, whose command of the artillery won the respect of German military observers for efficiency during the World war, died Tuesday.