

Batting Order For Dodgers



DIXIE WALKER, RF



BILLY HERMAN, 2B



PETE REISER, CF



DOLPH CAMILLI, 1B



HARRY LAVEGETTO, 3B



JOE MEDWICK, LF

Curt Davis, Ex-Oregonian, May Pitch Series Opener for Dodgers in Yank Stadium Today

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

How one might have become a wealthy man: Parlayed a \$100 bet on Joe Louis from his first title defense to his 19th. . . . Even at the meagre odds available on most of Joe's fights, an average of about 1-2, the original \$100 would be built up over the \$300,000 mark today. . . . And who is there to say the Brown Bomber isn't as near to a cinch investment as the world has ever known?

The bad: Up to about 9 p. m. (PST) Saturday, a couple of Salem players of football pools were doing all right on a 10-team ticket that would have netted them \$100 for each \$1 invested. . . . They had nine of the 10 picks in the bag, but flooey went the whole caboodle when Holy Cross upset Louisiana State in a night game at Baton Rouge.

"Are they Americans?" asked a little old lady who, with many others, was listening to the Louis-Nova fight in the lobby of a Salem hotel Monday night. . . . "Are they big fellows?" . . . "Don't they hurt each other?" . . . "I don't think I'd like to see anything like that" . . . She confessed she didn't even know there was a Joe Louis, little alone that he was the champion of the world.

Hoop Hopes High

Hoop hopes are high at Willamette U since the enrollment of Glen Walden, a 6-foot-1 forward from San Diego, who was all-city high school, all-state high school and all-junior college at Fullerton JC, together with Sid Southwick, all-Portland from Franklin high. . . . Happy Howard Maple, the "bring-'em-back-alive-Buck" of the Bearcatters, talked Walden into the Willamette fold while he was in San Diego after Waltzin' Al Walden, the grid galloper, who is a cousin of Hoopster Glen.

Have learned two things about Duane Mellem, the transplanted Minnesotan who obtained his physical education master's degree at the University of Oregon this summer and who is now teaching at Parrish and Salem high. . . . The guy's name spells the same thing, Mellem, forward and backward, and for a week he has hammered a heck of a long golf ball. . . . He's coaching the Vik Juniors.

Probably it could not have been helped, but to this department it was a mistake when the old Willamette Valley Interscholastic league disbanded. . . . There has been no where near the interest in athletics at any of the schools since Silverton, Woodburn, Chemawa, Independence, Dallas, West Linn, Lebanon and Molalla split up their highly entertaining circuit.

Yanks in Six

Since several have asked for this author's opinion on the outcome of the world series, and since it wouldn't be cricket to let a few on the inside without giving all an opportunity, here's the lowdown: The Yankees to win the series in six games, but the Dodgers to take today's opener. . . . Day-by-day: Dodgers today; Yanks Thursday; Yanks again Friday at Ebbets field; Dodgers Saturday; Yanks Sunday; and Yanks to wind it up Monday back in the home orchard. . . . You're welcome.

When Honest John Warren, Oregon frosh coach, was in our town during state fair week, he was weeping copiously over the lack of freshman football material at the U. . . . So what does Dick Strite of the Eugene Register-Guard do but list about 50 pretty talented rookie gridders, including a flock of California high school aces and some others from as far away as Pennsylvania.

There is no sillier sports season than football, what with its hundreds of all-Americans, all-conferences, all-states, etc., so what does Coach Stub Allison of California do but open the "all-all" season with an all-time all-American. . . . It is: Benny Oosterbeek of Michigan and Brick Muller of California at ends; Bob Reinhard of the present California team and Ernie Smith of USC

By JUDSON BAILEY

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Curt Davis, slim slider-ball specialist of the Brooklyn Dodgers, sprang up Tuesday, as the probable surprise starter against Charley (Red) Ruffing of the New York Yankees in tomorrow's opening game of the world series.

A forecast of showers threatened the initial contest of baseball's annual classic but fans began gathering from all over the country today and refused to be discouraged at the outlook. A crowd of 70,000 was expected to pack big Yankee stadium to cap the world series.

FIRST FIVE FANS
NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Although it is a subway world series which opens at Yankee stadium at 1:30 Wednesday afternoon, there wasn't a New Yorker—not even the Brooklyn variety—among the first five fans who took up patrol Tuesday night outside the stadium, waiting for the gates to open and 28,000 unreserved seats to go on sale at 10 Wednesday morning.

The first three arrivals were California college boys, and Dodger fans; the next was Joe Budwitz, a semi-pro ball player from Meriden, Conn., also a Brooklyn roofer, and the fifth, finally, a Yankee man, A. H. Johnson of Pueblo, Colo.

The Californians—Harkey Smith, of Escondido, and Dick Sathrun and John McDonald—took 12 days to get here, and still were first on the scene. They were not allowed to line up at a ticket window, however. Police ruled there would be no such T-formation until midnight.

Capacity before game time at 1:30 p. m. (10:30; broadcast to start at 10:15 a. m. at Salem).

Chief topic of conversation in the crowded hotel lobbies where the baseball notables and fans

Hoffert Shows Well in Vik Scrum Session

Evasive running of Johnny Hoffert, working from the left wing-back spot vacated by Dutch Simmons, whose sprained ankle may keep him out of Friday night's battle with the Oregon City Pioneers here, highlighted Tuesday's scrimmage session of the Salem high Vics.

It is probable Hoffert, who is up from last season Jayvee squad, will work at the left wingback post against Bobby Parke's Pioneers.

Coach Harold Hank said it is probable Bob Warren's injured knee will be sufficiently healed to allow him to play, but said the competition between Warren, Bud Coons and Bill Pettit is so keen for the fullback position that he isn't certain who will get the call.

A new line recruit showed up in the scrum—Ray Zielski, a tackle who in a measure makes up for his lack of weight with scrappy play.

The Oregon City clash provides the Vics with their second successive No Name league encounter. They were victorious 13-0, over Milwaukie in their opener last week.

Trapshoot Set Here Sunday

A three-event trapshoot is slated here Sunday by the Salem Trapshooters club.

It includes a 50 16-yard targets event, a preliminary handicap and the Hiltibrand handicap of 50 targets. In addition, the Aiken-Troeh purse will be up on the first 25 targets in the Hiltibrand handicap.

Shells and lunch will be available on the grounds.

at tackles; "Fat" Spears of Minnesota, ex-Oregon coach, and Harry Smith of USC, guards; Germany Schultz of Minnesota at center; Jim Thorpe of Carlisle at quarter; Tommy Harmon of Michigan and Red Grange of Illinois at halfbacks; and Bronc Nagurski of Minnesota at fullback. . . . Sumpin', ain't it?

congregated was the prospect of the Dodgers withholding their ace, John Whitlow Wyatt, from the opening tussle, and leading off with Davis.

Manager Leo Durocher allowed the mystery to continue and there was good reason to believe that some super strategy had been mapped out for Brooklyn's pitching staff during the series.

Davis has a low-breaking curve that almost everybody expects to torment the Yankees, whom he shut out once last spring in an exhibition game. Next to Wyatt he is conceded to have the best chance of any Brooklyn pitcher to beat the powerful champions of the American league.

The reasons for starting with him are two-fold. Because he has a chance to

handout the Yanks, Durocher would like to use him twice during the series if the struggle goes six or seven games. He is 35 years old and thin as the fence posts of his native Missouri. He has to have plenty of rest between games and the best way to give him a lot of rest is to start him in the opening game.

The other factor influencing a decision in favor of Davis, who won 13 games and lost seven in the national league season, relates to Wyatt. The tall, bald Georgian, winner of 22 games against 10 losses, can work on two days rest if necessary. He also is a good righthanded hitter as well as pitcher. The Dodgers have a hunch that Manager Joe McCarthy's mound selection for the

second game will be Lefty Marius Russo because southpaws were used to some advantage against the Dodgers during their long pennant fight.

With Russo on the mound, Wyatt would mean added offensive strength for Brooklyn. Durocher did not attend the Dodgers' workout because of a meeting called by Commissioner Kenesaw M. Landis to discuss playing rules with the managers and umpires.

Coach Charles Dressen who was in charge of the practice, asserted he could not say who would go for the Dodgers, but gave a cryptic hint:

"I am pretty sure Leo has made up his mind and it may be a surprise to some people. Sometimes it is a good idea not to play your

strength against the other fellow's strength."

This strategy would bring up Kirby Higbe, another 22-game winner with a blazing fast ball, for the third game of the series. The subsequent hurriers then would be determined in respect to whether the Dodgers were ahead or behind at that stage.

Ruffing's selection was announced definitely by McCarthy during the Yankees' workout Tuesday morning. The big, 36-year-old righthander won 15 games and lost six for the bombers in the regular season and held onto his rating as the dean of the Yankee pitching staff.

After Ruffing, the Yanks are expected to use Russo, Spud Chandler and Ernie Bonham, but no one could guess in what order. The Yankees were established as 5 to 8 odds-on favorites for



Scene of Start

Yankee stadium, scene of the series' first two games Wednesday and Thursday (unless rain sets games back). From here the Yanks and Dodgers move to Ebbets field for games Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and return here Monday if necessary.

World Series Dissa, Data

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—(AP)—World series facts and figures:

Teams — New York Yankees, American League champions, and Brooklyn dodgers, National league titleholders.

Schedule—Wednesday and Thursday at Yankee stadium; Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Ebbets field; Monday and Wednesday at Yankee stadium. In event of rain, all games moved back one day.

Time—All games, except Sunday, 10:30 a. m., Pacific Standard time; Sunday, 11 p. m.

Weather forecast—Occasional rain, warmer temperature.

Crowds—70,000 (capacity) expected for opening game; 32,000 (capacity) at Ebbets field.

Odds—First game, Yankees favored, 5-8; series, Yankees choice, 1-2.

Probable pitchers—(First game) Red Ruffing, Yankees, and Curt Davis, Dodgers.

Champion—Winner of four games.

Broadcast—Mutual network.

Joe Decides (or Is Decided) To Keep Fighting, but He's Undecided About That Blow

By SID FEDER

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Joe Louis couldn't quite make up his mind Tuesday just where the righthand shot he whistled off Lou Nova's whiskers fitted into the list of his hardest punches, but he and his fistic family were sure of one thing—the bomber will not retire yet.

The entire Louis entourage said as much as it paraded into Mike Jacobs' office to pick up a \$193,274 pay check for the six-round job he did in stiffening Louie—the Yogi at the Polo grounds last night, thus boosting his ring earnings over the \$2,000,000 mark.

To be absolutely accurate, the amount is probably the highest price ever paid for one punch, for until Joe reared back and fired the great big one in there in the sixth round, neither he nor Nova did a thing to earn their pay.

After settling up with Uncle Mike, Joe said he was ready to trade in his green suit and rain-bow tie for Uncle Sam's khaki and a private's 21 bucks a month. But all hands insisted flatly there's nothing to his talk that he's quitting for keeps. Instead, he'll probably come out for a tune-up bout early next spring, and then will tangle with Billy Conn in late May or June.

"Why should Joe hang them up?" asked Co-Manager Julian Black. "He looked good in there Monday night, didn't he? He knocked Nova out with one of the hardest punches anybody ever saw. So now, he'll go into the army and won't fight for seven or eight months. But don't let anyone ever tell you he's all through."

The 56,549 cash customers who chipped into a gross gate of \$583,821 and the hundreds of ringside experts only half agreed with Black about last night's clamor. To this observer, Joe was a long way from the dark destruction. (Turn to Page 10, Col. 1)

Columbus Evens Series at 2-2

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 30.—(AP)—The Columbus Red Birds, American Association champions, defeated the Montreal Royals 5 to 4 Tuesday night before 9354 fans to draw even at two victories each with the International league playoff winners, in the little world series.

Montreal 4 7 1
Columbus 5 10 1
Pearce, Head and Howell; Dickson and Poland.

Pastor Signs With Beckwith

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Manager Jimmy Johnston said Tuesday his boy Bob Pastor had been signed for a 10-round bout at Chicago November 7 with Booker Beckwith, up-and-coming Negro heavyweight. Another of Johnston's charges, Ample Abe Simon, left by plane for Los Angeles, where he will meet Turkey Thompson October 6.

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Opposing Pitchers Today

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JIMMIE STURM, 1B



RED ROLFE, 3B



TOM HENRICH, RF



JOE DIMAGGIO, CF



CHARLEY KELLER, LF

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JOE MEDWICK, LF



PEE-WEE REESE, SS



MICKY OWEN, C



CURT DAVIS, P



RED RUFFING, P



PHIL RIZZUTO, SS



JOE GORDON, 1B



BILL DICKEY, C