

Three Cubs Who Hope to Be Heard From



FORMER BOB BOWMAN IS THE ONLY ONE WHO WAS PICKED UP BY THE CHICAGO CUBS SINCE LAST SEASON. HE SHOULD STRENGTHEN THE MOUND STAFF.

OUTFIELDER LOU NOVIKOFF, PREVIOUSLY TESTED BUT FOUND WANTING, IS EXPECTED TO REACH STARDOM THIS YEAR.

THIRD BASEMAN STANLEY HACK, THE ONLY 300 HITTER THE CUBS COULD BOAST OF IN 1934, MAKES THE CHICAGO infield.

# Conference Moguls Retain Atherton, Approve Present Football Schedules

## Commissioner Gets One Year Pact at Less Pay; Beaver-Cal Game Moved

By GAIL FOWLER  
PORTLAND, March 25—(AP)—Pacific Coast conference moguls retained Edwin Atherton as commissioner, approved football schedules and wrapped up their four-day meeting Wednesday with other actions stemming from wartime conditions.

War-time physical fitness brought an approving resolution and member schools were authorized to provide up to 3000 free seats at each football contest for members of the armed forces this fall.

The conference grid season will open September 10. Last year's action in moving up the opening date will not be continued.

Scheduled non-conference games were approved and a list of open dates submitted to military authorities for games with service teams. The California-Oregon State game October 3, scheduled for Corvallis, was transferred to Berkeley to avoid conflict with final examinations at California that week-end.

Atherton's reappointment, which he accepted, carried a provision for a curtailed budget but the amount of the slash in his present \$20,000 fund was not decided.

Peter Condliff, California skier, was declared eligible for conference competition although he had not completed the required 10 hours because of illness.

Stanford's Peninow was ruled eligible for track although he has only 8 instead of 12 hours of credits.

Transfer of two students from North Pacific Dental college, Portland, to Oregon State was approved, making J. Hirschberger eligible to compete in swimming and J. Moody in boxing and track.

Among matters which did not come up were controversial issues such as dividing the football league into northern and southern divisions; kicking Idaho and Montana out of the round robin—a move which was in the making before Pearl Harbor put an end to last December's Palm Springs meeting; and any action on the army's ban on crowds of more than 5000 in the western military areas.

The conference decided on "business as usual" in the case of Southern California's inter-sectional title with Tulane and Notre Dame. Coach Jeff Cravath had said recently that the games might be transferred to New Orleans and South Bend, Ind., respectively.

"I won't be able to do much fielding on an artificial leg," he said, "but if I can keep them from doing much hitting there won't be any need for fielding." Stratton thinks he can get his share of hits but says somebody will have to do the base running. Monty has been doing some throwing and former semi-pro teammates who have seen him work declared he still has plenty of speed and hop on the ball.



EDWIN N. ATHERTON

## Monte Stratton To Try Real Ball Comeback

GREENVILLE, Tex., March 25—(AP)—Monty Stratton hits baseball's comeback trail next month traveling on one leg.

The former Chicago White Sox pitcher, whose big league career ended in tragedy on a bleak fall day in 1938, says he still can throw that old horse-shoe down the middle—and what's more he's going to do it for keeps.

Stratton lost his right leg in a hunting accident at the height of his career. He stayed with the Sox as a coach but wanted to pitch.

Baseball experts and physicians said he couldn't do it. But now he's manager of the Lubbock team of the West Texas-New Mexico league; so he'll try it.

As he departed for Lubbock Tuesday, Monty declared with confidence that he would pitch again.

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# Sports

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Statesman Sports Editor

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## Feder Sez 'Golfer' Joe Will Tour Simon Course Inside Five This Time

By SID FEDER

NEW YORK, March 25—(AP)—Joe Louis' par for the course the second time around any layout is something less than five rounds, and unless the mashie niblick in his right hand has lost its touch, he should have no trouble equalling it Friday night against Abe Simon.

As a golfer, Joe gets off the tee a-winging, but finds himself in trouble with his short game as often as not. When he's working at his trade in the ring, however, once he tees off he's usually right down the middle and ready to hole out in a hurry.

Half a dozen times, he's played a course the second time. There were Over the Lee Ramage, Nattie Brown, Max Schmeling, Bob Pastor, Arturo Godoy and Buddy Baer layouts. On each occasion, he was in the rough more than once in the first trip around, particularly when the Schmeling outfit got him in the woods. The second trip, however, he was strictly a trick-shot artist. In fact, against Schmeling and Baer he even posted gaudy holes-in-one.

These six fights went a total of 62 rounds when Joe first saw the parties involved. On their return swings, they were punched full of holes in 27, for an average of exactly 4 1/2 heats.

A year ago, Joe's drives were getting distance, but he still took 13 rounds to tour Simon. Now he has his clubs all polished up for a second crack. He's not making any flat prediction, but there was nothing in the training he wound up Wednesday to indicate he will fail to equal par or even lop a few strokes off it.

This corner of the greenskeeper's shack figures it about the same way. Despite the fact that Simon is in better shape now than he was a year ago in Detroit, that the ailing right hand he couldn't use that time is ready to go and that he probably can take a punch better than any man in the ring today, this department rides with Joe to finish the match inside of five rounds.

## Ready



JOE LOUIS

which was broken then, is okay, so I figure I'll win."

## West Virginia Wins Tourney

NEW YORK, March 25—(AP)—West Virginia, the last seeded team, came from behind in the final half to win the National Invitational basketball tournament Wednesday night, defeating Western Kentucky State 47 to 45 before a crowd of 10,250 at Madison Square Garden.

Three free throws in the last 45 seconds of play gave West Virginia the decision after Western Kentucky led 32-24 at the half and remained in command until the Mountaineers knotted the count at 40-40 with eight minutes to go.

Creighton won third place with a 48-46 decision over Toledo.

## Gervais 9 Bows To Woodburn

GERVAIS—Gervais high school baseball team lost 6 to 6 in a game with Woodburn high played Monday. Gervais did not score until the seventh inning. Playing for Gervais were Darnwood, Bonn, Rong, Jungwirth, Mandenhall, Jorgensen, Brown, Koenig, Cutsforth, McCullough, Eggers, McCall, Matlock, Andrews.

## What's Doin' At The YMCA

Final plans for the city wrestling tournament is slated to be discussed today noon at the weekly meeting of the Y physical department.

Among other things, the department will discuss plans for an area aquatic meet, a possible gym show and a physical department retreat. Various members will report on their respective divisions.

The second game of the three game series for the B Church and Major league championships will be played tonight at Leslie Junior high starting at 7:30 p.m. Mennonites will play Court Street Christian in the B game, while Bishops Clothiers and the Bearcubs will tangle in the Major event.

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## Blazin' Benny, Harper Lead North & South

Only Nine Under Par At Half-Way Mark; Kennedy Still Close

By FRITZ LITTLEJOHN

PINEHURST, N.C., March 25—(AP)—Belting Ben Hogan, who engineered a clean sweep of the Carolina golf tournaments two years ago, was back in the driver's seat again Wednesday night with 135, nine strokes under par, at the half-way mark in the 40th north and south open.

He was not alone. Beside him rode Chandler Harper, 28-year-old Portsmouth, Va., veteran, who has been in the money in every winter meet this season. Harper finished a startling 66 Wednesday to climb into a tie for the lead after Hogan, the leading money winner of the year, had posted 67-68 for the early lead.

Back of them came phenomenal Lester Kennedy, the Lynn, Mass., youngster, who made his big bid with a 66 Tuesday. Wednesday Kennedy carded a steady 70, two under par, for 136. This made him the only outsider still among the leaders in the low 60 survivors turned into Thursday's 36-hole final for \$5000 prize money, \$1000 to the winner.

Two shots further back, at 138, were Craig Wood, the national open champion, who posted his second straight 69, and defending Champion Sammy Snead, who added a 71 to his starting 67. They were considered the strongest contenders in the group without striking distance back of the leaders. Also at 138 were Lloyd Mangrum of Chicago, who had 69-69, and Jimmy Hines of Great Neck, LI, who cracked out a 67, chipping in at the 18th for his sixth birdie.

## Ample Abe Mad—Can't Have His Strawberries

SUMMIT, N.J., March 25—(AP)—Abe Simon has a bad case of strawberry shortcake and pickles. They are his favorite delicacies and he's irked to end that he can't have them as long as he's in training.

Which is as good a way as any of explaining that the large Long Islander is just about the most unconcerned challenger Joe Louis ever has had the pleasure of meeting.

Putting the finishing touches on his preparatory work for Friday's army emergency relief fight in Madison Square Garden, Ample Abe is so afraid of the bomber as he is of that strawberry shortcake. Which is to say, not at all.

And when someone mentioned having seen Louis hit his training peak yesterday with all his old display of house-wrecking machinery, Abe just shrugged it off with: "Well, all I know is that the last time I met Joe I had only my left hand and lasted 13 rounds and this time my right hand,

## Washington Wins 12th Of 16, Bopping Boston

ORLANDO, Fla., March 25—(AP)—Sid Hudson and Alejandro Carrasquel held the Boston Red Sox to nine hits Wednesday as the Senators won a 6-2 ball game, their 12th victory in 16 Grapefruit league starts. Four double plays figured in the conquest.

Boston (A) ..... 9 9 4  
Washington (A) ..... 6 11 0  
Wagner, Ryba (6) and Conroy; Hudson, Carrasquel (7) and Early; Evans (7).

## Master Mel Worried - - His Giants Remind Him of Grapefruit Loop They're in - - Sour

By WHITNEY MARTIN  
Wide World Sports Columnist  
NEW YORK, March 25—Mel Ott is worried about his New York Giants. The flowers that bloom in the spring, fra-ee, have just been blooming nightmares as far as he is concerned. He knows now why they call it the Grapefruit league. Everything is sour.

Naturally the grave concern over a baseball team's inability to win pre-season games comes under "so what?" classification right now, but worry is comparative and subject to circumstances and Mel's worry right now is just as real to him as that of a lad in a Bataan foxhole trying to change his cramped position without making a shooting gallery out of himself.

He wants to make a good showing in his first year as manager, and everyone wants him to, if you'll overlook Brooklyn, which wouldn't want the

Giants to make a good showing no matter who was heading the team.

If we were Mel we wouldn't worry too much about the showing in these cheese-and-egg exhibition contests. Rather, we'd be a little relieved, as it too often happens, that the team which burns up the citrus circuit start a fire with a blowtorch after the season starts. Exhibition "A", the Phils.

We've seen too many 9 o'clock hitters and gymnasium fighters to take these practice games too seriously. In the spring, some rookies make the established stars look like last year's list, but when the regular season starts how do most of these ambitious young sprouts go? From Natchez to Mobile, from Natchez to St. Joe.

The older gent's have learned that when the records are compiled or they're asking the boss for a raise it doesn't do any good

to cite performances in spring games. They know they can deliver, or hope they can, when the chips are down, and don't see too much sense in killing themselves when it doesn't count.

The strain runs through all sports. There are certain individuals who just can't get steamed up over what they consider unimportant matters. If they considered spring training so important guys like Buck Newsom and Whit Wyatt would be down there bright and early, money or no money.

## From the BLEACHERS

By AL LIGHTNER

They may have to raise the roof of Portland's Pacific Livestock Exhibition building Friday night, as Cornelius Warmerdam, the California school teacher who has a habit of doing big things with a pole in hand, will be there attempting that oh, so close but yet unmade and unheard of 16-foot ceiling in the pole vault event of the Hill relays. Warmy has lofted his 185-pounds over the 15-foot mark nearly every time he's taken his big stick in hand this year, and it's only a matter of time until he soars over that once impossible height.

Who knows—maybe those who sit in on the relays Friday will be the gentry who will say, "I saw him do it."

Warmy will have some comparatively stiff competition from Earl Meadows, ex-USC vaulter, who has been flirting with the 15-foot mark regularly this season. Meadows is the curly-headed boy who hopped over the 14-foot-11 inch mark with Bill Sefton, also of SC, back in 1937, that mark setting an all-time high at that time.

Les Steers, Oregon's high jumper, will also be there, and Les holds the No. 1 slot of this troubled world in his event.

"Gloomy Gus" Gilmore's Salem high tracksters will embark on their first competition in the high school end of the huge carnival, proceeds of which will be turned over entirely to the USO.

It's worth the wear and tear on those precious gems on the gas-buggy to contribute to something like that. The entertainment provided will be by far the biggest of the best seen in the state in some time.

## What's Doin' at Home

A flash from Melbourne, Australia, says "A roundup of United States sports—including results of exhibition baseball, boxing, track, hockey and racing—appeared for the first time recently in Australian newspapers, and American troops rushed to newsstands to learn how their favorites were doing."

That's just another example of the good old American spirit. Unlike the German and Jap guinea-pigs, our boys still want to know what's cookin' in the things they were a big part of back in the USA.

## Kids Feted

Upwards of 1250 turned out for the Dad's banquet in honor of state champion runner-up Corvallis high and its mastodon coach, Frank Ramsey, Tuesday night in the cantonment center. The kids, who weren't conceded as having a ghost of a chance in the recent hooperee, but who nevertheless fought their way into second place, picked their all opponent team before the ceremonies, and Bud Coons, Vyk guard, landed on the first team. Dutch Simmons got a second team spot on the pick, which included season and tournament games.

Red-headed all-state forward Jason Widmer was elected honorary captain of the Spartans, Allen Anderson their most valuable player, and Tom Shaw, the lanky guard who teamed with Big Bob Klemm to haul in backboard bonuses so regularly, was named the most improved tesser.

## Koehler Returns

At least one of the four clubs left in the WI is sure of having the same skipper it had last year at its helm this season—Horace "Pip" Koehler has decided to come out of the Tacoma shipyards to herd the Tacoma Tigers for '42. Haven't heard whether or not Don Osborne will be back with Vancouver, or Ray Jacobs with Spokane. Goldie Holt is now pilot of San Jose in the California league, while Ted Mayer and "Little Skipper" Bunny Griffiths have found defense work less enticing to gray hair than guiding a baseball club.