

Seagull, Wildcat Wallopers Await Armory Gong Tonight

From the BLEACHERS

By AL LIGHTNER

Scene: The workshop. Time: This week. Enter 6-foot 4-inch of about 220 pounds whom at first we didn't recognize but suddenly did then didn't know whether to stick around or hop through the window. Why? Well, we had this particular gent on the Salem Senator nine last summer as a pitcher—for awhile—until the roof caved in on the proceedings, Little Czar of Baseball Judge W. G. Bramham volleyed the wrath of his office at us and the hub-hub of the whole business aroused both repercussions and national interest. It's Keith "Luke" Crosswhite come back to town for a visit and "just stopped in to say hello and thanks for your efforts of last summer in my behalf." As we actually expected much, much worse than thanks from Luke you could have heard the worried half of the meeting relax from a block away.



"LUKE" CROSSWHITE

Seriously though, Big Luke, probably the greatest athlete ever to perform behind the OSP walls, says he's doing fine these days. Working on the graveyard shift at the Swan Island shipyard in Portland and earning a buck-thirty-eight an hour—takes it like a duck to water. In fact, says he's gained 12 pounds since leaving his old stomping grounds a few months ago.

Got the Old-Fast One Back

"I see Eddie Adams and Roy Helser now and then working in the yards," says Luke, "but don't seem to get a chance to talk to either."
Happier yet is Luke over the fact that he's "got his fast one back"—the speedball he says he lost while performing as one of Warden Alexander's flock some four years back.
"I wasn't going to play ball this year," he grinned, "but there were two or three teams after me to pitch for 'em up in Portland and I guess that streak of good weather we had awhile back just gave me the old urge again. That and finding my fast one again while working out one day. So I've signed with Eberly's Sporting Goods outfit."
Incidentally, the Eberly team is managed by Vern Johnson, the man responsible, along with Alexander, for cooking up those two very successful relief fund games last year in Portland between the Penitentiary nine and the Portland Air Basers.

'Never Again on That Team'

But back to Luke. He hopes to come back to town with his new outfit this summer and pitch against the Camp Adair Timber Wolves—understands Johnson has attempted to arrange a game with the soldiers for Geo. E. Waters park.
Crosswhite is also looking forward to again pitching against Jack Warren and Johnny Leovich, both of whom he reports as now playing on the Portland Coast Guard team.
We told the State Street institution's star ex-hurler that his former team for some 13 years wasn't doing so well without him on the firing line this season, but Luke nailed us right there:
"Boy, that's one team I'll never pitch for again!"

Hopping Here and There:

Speaking of the woods being full of Smiths, Jones and Browns, how about Joe DiMaggio? Camp White, in the Medford sector, boasts two—Joseph Paul DiMaggio and Joseph Frank, first cousins of each other and second cousins to Joseph Paul, the Yankee Clipper turned soldier. Still another Joe DiMaggio turned up in New York the other day—former New York Yankee and now a soldier, too. So the Joe DiMaggio we had at Medford a while back isn't the one we'd pay to see play against the Timber Wolves in our local apple orchard this summer. . . . Add more stars to the Mather Field Flying school since in California: Tony Freitas, Sacramento's No. 1 lefthander, and Myril Hoag, Chisox outfielder, are there. And Johnny Meek, All-American gridder for California in 1937 is the lieutenant in charge of the club. . . . Maybe it's a good thing we won't have WIL ball this summer after all. Hot dogs will be shorter and skinnier, peanuts are twice as high now as they ever were and a dime bag wouldn't last you through one rally. And after all, what's a ball game without all the trimmings? . . . The Fort Lewis Reception Center basketballers claim they have still another crack Northern division cager in their ranks now. He's Lev Beck, half of Oregon State's great guard pair, he and Don Durand. Ye gods! Gail Bishop, Ray Turner, Lew Beck—await word that Bill Morris and Fred Quinn have been secured by the RC men—wot a team! . . .

NOTES FROM THE Spring Ball Camps

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N.Y., April 1—(P)—Skipper Leo Durocher of the Brooklyn Dodgers was optimistic Thursday over the possibility that Dolph Camilli, the absent first baseman, would be in good condition for opening day April 21, but he wasn't so sure about Arky Vaughan.
"Dolph will get in shape in 10 days," the skipper said, "but you can't hustle Arky. You'll have to let him take his time."
NAPA, Calif., April 1—(P)—Something of the tempo of the nation's war production plants hit the Oakland baseball club Thursday as Trainer Jack Doherty set players through strenuous mass calisthenics which he promised would condition them to half the time usually needed.
Doherty, former athletic director at the San Jose YMCA, uses a system of intense floor drills.
SAN FRANCISCO, April 1—(P)—Del Young, veteran second sacker obtained in a player trade with Hollywood, signed his contract with the San Francisco baseball club Thursday.
The Seals traded Brooks Holder, outfielder, for Young and "Frenchy" Uhalt, outfielder.
LAKEWOOD, N.J., April 1—(P)—The New York Giants showed more pitching than hitting as they went through an eight-inning intra-squad game Thursday.
The "varsity" and the "scrubs" played scoreless ball, each team collecting only four hits.
ASBURY PARK, N.J., April 1—(P)—Charley Keller, slugging outfielder who was a holdout until recently, took his first workout with the New York Yankees Thursday and at the finish ap-

Third Soldier Swing Session Set for 8:15

Winning Team Meets Cocky 'Dog Outfit

The local American Legion post's third semi-monthly all-soldier amateur fight card, featuring the Seagulls and Wildcats teams of Camp Adair, will be battled off at the armory starting at 8:15 tonight, and as has been the case in the previous sessions, tonight's get-together appears to be definitely no 4-F punning party.
Both the 'Gulls and 'Cats are meeting for the right to take a crack at the undefeated and chesty Bulldogs two weeks hence, and as getting a shot at the "Dogs is as palatable to the soldier swingers as fllet mignon is to John Q. Public these days, the action on the evening's card is expected to be nothing short of sizzling.
Both outfits have been training diligently according to respective team bosses Capt. Al Gridley of the 'Gulls and Cpl. Siscoe of the 'Cats. Furthermore, two entire sections in the local punch auditorium have been grabbed up by the khaki-clad backers of both teams, so the fighters won't want for moral and vociferous support.
All in all, indications point to a packed house for the beak-busting festivities.
Ten bouts have been lined up along with an unannounced feature attraction. No less than four of the three-rounders were tabbed as topnotchers—prelims between lightweights Lee Surface and Juley Judd a 4 middleweights Johnny Cruikshank and Lightening Lind, Surface and Cruikshank of the 'Gulls; the semi-wind-up between "Gall Louse" Bennis and Eddie Eppinette; and the main event between 145-pounders Eddie "Jitterbug" Collins of the 'Gulls and Bobby Serrano of the 'Cats.
The balance of the card, 'Gull team men named first in each instance: Joe Easley vs. Duke DeVore, lighthweights; Manuel Maricco vs. Kid Kirchen, middleweights; Frank Gracia vs. Don Morris, bantamweights; Hugh Luby vs. Sid Smith, middleweights; Frank LaBella vs. Kid Encinos, lightweights, and Bob Moses vs. Mac MacDaniels, welterweights.
Up to Thursday night neither Gridley or Siscoe came to terms on the matching of a pair of heavyweights for the card. Should they compromise on some before tonight such a bout will be added to the program.

OCE's Scott Paratrooper

MONMOUTH—Terry Scott of Oregon City, former student athlete here, is now in the paratroops stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia. Reports have reached here that Scott was a star basketball performer this year for a Fort Benning team which defeated several potent southern college teams.
Robert Reed of Amity, another of OCE's former basketball players, has earned a lieutenant's commission in the army and is stationed somewhere in Maryland.

Sailors Slap Nats, 10 to 5

NORFOLK, Va., April 1—(P)—The Norfolk naval training station's star-studded baseball team opened its 1943 campaign here today by routing the Washington Senators of the American League, 10 to 5.
Freddie Hutchinson, former Detroit Tiger righthander, and Charlie Wagner, late of the Boston Red Sox, hurled for the sailors. Phil Ruzuto, ex-New York Yankee shortstop, got a 400-foot homer, a double and a single and Bennie McCoy, who played for the Philadelphia Athletics before entering the navy, clouted a homer, double and two singles.

Chicago Skipper Gets Early Start

FRENCH LICK, Ind., April 1—(P)—Jimmy Wilson, Chicago Cub's boss, was chased off the bench first and then off the field by Umpire Art Pasarella Thursday as the Bruins came from behind to beat the White Sox 4-2 and square their informal spring training series at one-all.
Wilson's banishment came in the fifth inning after Stan Hack, who had singled, was tossed out trying to steal home.

'Gull Gladiator



BOB MOSES, Camp Adair Seagull welterweight, who punches it out with Mac MacDaniels of the Wildcats tonight at the armory in their part of the 10-bout card. Moses, a smooth-working customer, was counter-punching out an easy win here two weeks ago when he got in the way of a wild haymaker and got himself kayoed. He says he'll keep out of the way tonight. (Signal Corps photo.)

NEW YORK, April 1

Five points by St. John's in the last minute of play, after big Milo Komenich had been wayed to the sidelines on four personal fouls, tied the score at 46-46 and sent the climax of the double-barrel tournament into an overtime session. Al Moschetti took a pass from little Hy Godkin in the last eight seconds to knot the count.
The two tournament champions, playing before a crowd that turned approximately \$24,000 over to the Red Cross, were as evenly matched as the score indicated. They battled through a nip and tuck first half before Ken Sailors and Komenich went on a rampage in the last five minutes to send the Rocky Mountain boys off the floor with a 30-23 lead.

Cleveland Rook Quits

LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 1—(P)—The Cleveland Indians' outfield problem became more acute Thursday as Fabian Gaffke quit the tribe's training camp.
Gaffke left a note to Manager Lou Boudreau saying he was "no good for anything but a bush league, playing about once a week," and that he was going to work.

ON THE SIDELINES - By Jack Sords



"HE IS A SALESMAN FOR AN OIL FIRM AND WOULD LIKE TO STICK AT THE JOB."
"CAN THIS BE THE GREAT FOXX?"
"FOXX HAD A LEAN SEASON WITH THE CUBS IN 1932 AND PREFERS TO QUIT THE GAME BEFORE HE SHIPS TOO FAR."
"SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY."
"HE FIRST ENTERED THE MAJORS WITH THE ATHLETICS BACK IN 1925."

No April Fool--Al Simmons Really Coming Back

By JUDSON BAILEY
MEDFORD, Mass., April 1—To the fans who saw Al Simmons flustering downhill in the National league a couple of years ago it may sound like an April fool gag to say that the once great slugger is hoping to play a lot of outfield for the Boston Red Sox this year.
But Simmons is so deadly serious about making a comeback that he may convince Manager Joe Cronin he deserves to be in left field on opening day. The big fellow, who was one of Connie Mack's galaxy of stars 15 years ago—Grove, Fox, Coochrae, Dykes and company



AL SIMMONS

—served as a coach of the Philadelphia Athletics last season and probably could have been one of the pensioners there again this year. However, he chose to try a "playing comeback" at the age of 40.
During the winter he contacted General Manager Eddie Collins, and was hired quicker than you can say the Red Sox have left Ted Williams, Dominic DiMaggio and Lou Finney from their outfield.
In the middle of February Simmons went to Hot Springs, Ark., and began a rigorous training program along with

Armstrong Faces 'Biggest' Battle

Garden Get-Together With Beau Jack Tonight Hank's Big Chance

By SID FEDER
NEW YORK, April 1—(P)—The Hammer comes back to Madison Square Garden Friday night for the "biggest fight" of his life.
Gone are the three championships he once held and there's no title on the line this time as he tangles in a ten-rounder with strong, tough young Beau Jack, the kid he once taught how to fight. But to Hammer, it's the most important brawl in all his career, because he wants to show the "wise guys" that he's not a washed-up old man.
The Hammer, of course, is Henry Armstrong, L'I Perpetual Motion of a few years back when he was boss man of the welterweights, the lightweights and the featherweights—the only man in ring history to hold three crowns simultaneously. Two years ago, the experts wrote his fistie "obit." They said he was through for keeps after Fritzie Zivlic beat him up twice in a row.
He waited, recovered from his ailments, then started up the long road back—just "to show 'em." He had 18 fights in this comeback, won 16 of them, but except for a revenge over Zivlic, Friday's tussle is the one he's wanted above all others. Because it was in the Garden ring that he bowed out the first time and the "smarties" buried him.
This corner, having watched Henry hammer husky Al Tribunski—who outweighed him by some 12 pounds—into a one-sided defeat ten days ago, tabs Armstrong to finish on top. The Hammer is still the same rip-tearing, always-advancing warrior he was in his heyday. He's a little slower now, but he "sets" more for his punches and has more power in his right hand. On the other hand, Jack, although he's always moving in and throwing punches, knows little of defense. And while a weak defense doesn't necessarily have to be fatal against Armstrong, it can sure lead to some unpleasant lumps and bumps.

Wyoming Dunks Saints 52-47 in Red Cross Go

NEW YORK, April 1—(P)—Wyoming's national collegiate AA winners whipped St. John's invitation basketball tournament champions, 52 to 47, in an overtime battle before a Red Cross benefit crowd of 18,316 at Madison Square Garden Thursday night.
St. John's with Harry "Big Boy" Boykoff leading the attack, struck back to tie the score at 34-34 with 18 minutes of play remaining. The score board read 36-36 when Sailors, janky Jim Weir and Komenich teamed to send the cowboys away to what appeared to be a safe 42-36 advantage.
The Indians from Brooklyn kept driving however, and when Komenich was charged with his fourth foul, they really shifted into high. Fuzzy Levane, Boykoff, Larry Baxter, a set-shot artist, and Moschetti combined to square accounts.
But in the overtime, Weir became a one-man gang as he charged through the St. John's defense for five points and was a hulker on the defense. St. John's lone scoring effort was a foul shot by Baxter.
Komenich had a slight margin over Boykoff in the battle of giant centers, the Wyoming pivot man counting 20 times to Boykoff's 17.
In a game between the two tournament runner-up Georgetown defeated Toledo 54 to 40.

Top Gee-Gees Will Gallop

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 1—(P)—Whirlaway, money winning champion; Rounders, his conqueror in the Arlington handicap; Al-sab, last season's outstanding three-year-old, and Rhymer, winner of the 1942 Widener handicap, head the 56 thoroughbreds named for the Churchill Downs handicap April 29.
A mile event carrying an added value of \$2,500, the race run annually on the Thursday preceding the Kentucky Derby, also drew as nominees Miss Dogwood, top-ranking filly; Aon-barr, a leading winner of handicap honors; Valida Orphan, one of last year's leading three-year-olds, and four derby eligibles, Ocean Wave, Marchon, Legislator and Galladon.

Boeing Horse Not Too Bad

By SID FEDER
NEW YORK, April 1—(P)—The cracked front foot which will keep W. E. Boeing's highly-regarded Devil's Thumb out of the Kentucky derby, the Preakness and the rest of the spring's rich races for three-year-olds, was described Thursday as a wound "no bigger than a dime," but one threatening serious injury if not treated.
The Thumb, put out of action for 60 days, was an 8 to 1 shot in the derby winter books and was generally regarded as the most serious barrier to Count Fleet's threatened monopoly of the three-year-old "money."

Connie Likes Coast Pair

WILMINGTON, Del., April 1—(P)—"I like Eddie Mayo and Jo-Jo White," said Connie Mack Thursday, "they're certainly the best looking pair of all our new men."
Mayo and White are both returning to the big time with the Philadelphia Athletics after sojourns in the Pacific Coast league.
"I never did think White should have been waived out of the league when Detroit let him go four years ago," Mack continued.

'Daffy' Looks Like Old Self

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., April 1—(P)—Paul Dean, new acquisition to the St. Louis Browns' pitching staff, worked like a combination of "Dizzy and Paul" for two innings of his first practice game Thursday, striking out two batters and holding the others hitless.
But in the third he gave up three hits and a run. He said afterward, "I didn't have a thing but I'll guarantee you my arm will be all right. It feels fine."
The intra-squad game ended in a 2-2 tie.

Redwings Cop Initial Game

DETROIT, April 1—(P)—Detroit's rampaging Red Wings streaked through Boston for six goals, gave the Bruins a sound 6-2 thumping, and climbed the first notch toward possession of the Stanley cup in the first game of the final series before 12,562 fans in Olympia Stadium Thursday night.

THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"Had any news from George and his family since they moved away, Judge?"
"Yes. I had a letter from him day before yesterday. He's in Kentucky... the family's fine and they all like it there. George says he has a fine job in a beverage distillery. He brought out an interesting point in his letter: I hadn't thought of before. He said that while the beverage distillers are working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week turning out war alcohol for the government for ammunition, tires, medical supplies and chemicals, they still are able to account for nearly a billion and a half dollars in taxes each year. That's on account of the fact the beverage distillers, though working 100% for the government, are still able to supply the public with beverages from the reserve stocks made during peacetime."
"Quite an unusual case, isn't it, Jim?"

Kirby, Crum Enter Finals

PINEHURST, N.C., April 1—(P)—Dorothy Kirby and Jane Crum, favorites from the start, met little trouble Thursday in disposing of their opponents in the north and south women's golf semi-finals.
Miss Kirby, of Atlanta, defeated Mrs. W. G. Boggs 7 and 5, Miss Crum, of Orangeburg, S.C., closed out her match, 4 and 3, against Glenns Collett Vane.

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