

# Sullivan Outslugs Hooker To Top Armory Fight Show

## From the BLEACHERS

Bill Stern div.: When Gorgeous George Wagner attempted to mount soap box to address the rasslin' horde at the armory the other night, he wasn't bent on firing verbal fire at his tormentors in reciprocity. They shouldn't have drowned out his every effort with the well-known razzberry, for all George was trying to do was ask the clients if they had bought their \$100 war bonds in commemoration of "D" day. First thing George did when he hit town Tuesday was to buy \$75 worth of invasion success, and he wanted to spiel a reminder to the customers that they do the same . . . All is not heel within a heel after all, wot? . . . Surprise announcement from Joe Waterman that Woodburn Joe Kahut is to fight one Vern Earling for the "Pacific Coast lightweight boxing championship" next month in probably an outdoors Portland scrap. Would have perhaps slipped by here unnoticed, but on the same day Waterman made the announcement we had a letter from Larry Caputo giving a few details on the recent fist past of so-so prelim gamster "KO" Hooker. He colored the gent who fought at the armory Thursday night. According to Caputo, Hooker "lost a close decision to Vern Earling of Spokane not long ago." Odd that no one heard whether it was or wasn't a championship fight, or, is there a carpenter in the house? . . . Hawkshaw dept.: To the medium complected and built youngster, said to be one of the Junior ballplayers, who was up last Thursday applying for an apprenticeship in the print shop—come back and talk to Hugh McCain, the night foreman, after 5 p. m. In other words, if you're still interested you're practically hired . . . Happen to see press notices of all those annual awards going to Eugene high school kids? Possessions they'll treasure from now on. And one of our village junior highs was reluctant to give even small athletic letters to its sports stalwarts recently . . .



GEORGE SISLER

**Real Oddity Almost Overlooked**  
One for Ripley: Sportsman and Enthusiast Alex Salstrom, papa to Cpl Phil and Flight Lieutenant Eddie, and a villager who'll be there if it's an athletic contest, thinks the scribes blew one when they let get by almost unnoticed the Portland-Hollywood ball game of a few weeks ago in Portland in which the Beavers won 2-1 in eight innings. To refresh your memory further, it was the one which wound up the last series played at home by the Portlanders before this week. If you'll recall, the Beavers hadn't had a hit off Alex Weldon until Roy Helser came up as a pinch-hitter and lofted a fly to center. Joe Gonzales slipped and fell, the ball falling safely for a double. Manager Marv Owen then came up as another pinch-hitter and slashed a double to right, scoring Helser and tying the game at 1-1. A sacrifice bunt followed which Babe Herman fielded but heaved wildly into the outfield, allowing the second and winning Portland run to score. What Alex dotes on as surely the only instance of its kind he's ever heard of in professional ball is the fact that Portland won the game on two hits, both by pinch-hitters! Helser and Owen were the only Beavers to glean base knocks the entire game. A real oddity at that.

**Balgamers Who 'Came Back'**  
Modern miracle: Pete Gray, outfielder with the Memphis Chicks of the Class AA Southern association, batted .289 and fielded .975 last season, is batting well over .300 this year and he's had but one arm since he was a child. In fact he used that one arm (his left) to smack out a 330-foot home run the other day! . . . Though not in the majors, Gray is perhaps the most notable of all those ballplayers who have overcome physical handicaps to become stars . . . Others have been: Whitey Kurovski, of course, the St. Louis Cards third-sacker with the "boneless" wrist; George Sisler, the Hall of Fame member who ran the Brooklyn Dodgers school in the village last fall, who went almost totally blind in 1923 but came back to play major league ball in 1930 and minor league until '32; Charley "Red" Ruffing, the great Yankee pitcher, who had two toes blown off in a mining accident long before he ever saw Yankee stadium; Mordecai "Three-fingered" Brown, who had two fingers blown off in a mining accident but quit mining to become one of the greatest pitchers of all time, using the three remaining fingers to get remarkable stuff on the ball; Earl Sheeley, present Sacramento skipper, who has always had one leg shorter than the other, and Mickey Cochrane and Ducky Medwick, both victims of bean balls which nearly killed them, but who survived and went back for more greatness . . . As the 1944 Famous Slugger year book, from which we borrow this, puts it: "Don't let it get you down."

## Sam Byrd Fires Sizzling 66 To Lead Inquirer Golf Meet

PHILADELPHIA, June 8—(AP)—Sam Byrd of Redford, Mich., the former New York Yankee outfielder, batted his way around the tough Torresdale-Frankford country club course in 66 strokes today—five under par—to take a two-stroke lead for the lion's share of the \$17,500 war bond prize in the Inquirer Invitational 72-hole golf tournament. Byrd stopped at Birmingham, Ala., on his way here, to see his father, who is seriously ill, and played without a practice round, but you couldn't tell it from the way he rapped in putts in scoring seven birdies and missing par only twice. Six of his sub-par holes came on the back nine as he blitzed home in a course-record 31. In second place with 69 was Bob Hamilton of Evansville, Ind., winner of the North-South Open at Pinehurst. Bud Lewis of Oakland, Pa., Philadelphia Open and PGA king, was third with 69.

## Crosby May Call Off Race Season

LOS ANGELES, June 8—(AP)—A spokesman for Bing Crosby said today that the radio singer will cancel a racing meet, scheduled to open July 1 at his Del Mar track near San Diego, if it would hamper the war effort in any way. Everett Crosby, business manager for his brother, said the singer was aware of opposition to the racing program on the part of San Diego merchants and aircraft manufacturers, who have contended that it would increase absenteeism in war plants.

**Solons Sink Seals, 10-6**  
SAN FRANCISCO, June 8—(AP)—Sacramento exploded in a nine-run ninth inning rally to trounce San Francisco, 10 to 6, in a Pacific Coast league game tonight. The last place Solons blasted Bob Joyce off the mound with a seven-hit barrage, aided by three Seal errors, and batted all the way around before Win "Pard" Ballou replaced Joyce. Sacramento 000 100 000—10 11 1. San Fran 111 001 011—6 12 3. Porter, Powers, Pillsbury (9) and Ross, Marucci (9); Joyce, Ballou (9) and Springs.

## Few Fans See 40-8's Second 'Punch' Party

**Wright TKO's Foe in 1st Main Heat**  
Professional fisticuffing took another step in the wrong direction in the town last night, and another like it may well spade down future armory ring shows for the duration. It was the 40 to 8's and Promoter Ira Pilcher's attempt at reviving the punch-for-pay sport, but Freddie and Frieda Fite Fan must have stood in bed. At least they didn't turn out to see the shindig. Too bad, too, for it was an acceptable card, considering how very tough it is to attract topflight performers these days. Tagged beforehand as a "no fight-no pay" show, it didn't make much difference whether the gladiators fought or not—there wasn't enough "pay" in the gallery to set 'em up to a first-cabin steak dinner. For the most part and overlooking a spot of poor conditioning amongst a few substitutes here and there, the beak bashers did fight, however. Not many beaks were bashed too harshly, but the clients had more than one or two occasions to let the punchers know they were at least in the hop bin. As it should have been, the top half of the double main event was the top brawl. In it, 186½-pound Billy "Killer" Sullivan, 6 feet 3 inches of colored gamester, and "KO" Hooker, squat but outclassed dusky thumper, waged a grueling 8-rounder, the clean cut decision going to Sullivan. Five knockdowns sparked the action flurries, four by big Sullivan and one by Hooker. The latter started out by taking the first two rounds and putting Sullivan's pants on the deck for a three-count in the second. A soft left which caught Sullivan off balance scored the knockdown. Sullivan came back with a definite rally in the third and sent tiring Hooker down twice with a two-fisted attack to the head. From here on it was all Sullivan. He missed numerous chances to put Hooker away for keeps when it was apparent the latter was out on his feet. Sullivan scored his other two knockdowns in the fourth and fifth, both going to seven counts. Both appeared frightfully tired after it was over, but at least they fought most all the way. In the other 8-rounder Bobby Wright, 165, Portland, was too much two-fisted puncher for Jerry Baily, 162, and won a technical knockout in 58 seconds of the third round. Wright had the game (Continued on page 13)

**Bond Benefit Game Slated**  
**Airmen, Greys Meet At Waters Wednesday**  
Capital city patriots who possess a yearning for a squint at an adult baseball game will have their heyday next Wednesday come 6 p. m., when the 1944 Salem "grown ups" baseball season and the local effort in the fifth war loan campaign both make their initial public appearance at Geo. E. Waters park. Salem Air Base and the Oregon State Prison Greys will provide the diamond action, and admission will be on a "bond-a-seat" basis, one ticket to be issued for each \$25 invested in war bonds. A special bleacher section will be reserved for kids, who may obtain their pasteboards by purchasing a dollar's worth of war stamps, and all service men will be admitted free. Arrangements are now well underway to obtain a military band for the event, but the outstanding feature of the affair will be the presentation of something new in the baseball world—the sending of inning-by-inning accounts of the contest directly from the ballpark without the employment of any mechanical device. Airman Coach Lt. Charlie Stapp, who is officer in charge of the pigeon training quarters at the air field, will release one of the birds after each inning of play, and within the capsule attached to the winger's legs will be a message giving a resume of the inning just completed. In a matter of less than a minute, the pigeon will have delivered the message to the GIs who remain in camp, about three-quarters of a mile away. It's possible that several state and bond drive officials will be on hand to do the pigeon-releasing, and in that case it would be a matter of starting the proceedings by turning the first pigeon loose in place of the customary throwing out the first ball. But this attraction shouldn't overshadow the first-class diamond encounter that'll be staged between the Airmen and the Greys. A flock of ex-semi-pro stars dominate the Flyers' outfit, while the Prison team is far from an inferior. (Continued on page 13)

**Links Cups Presented King Sweeps Ruddles Meet**  
Bob King, handicapped 10, but a sub-par golfer yesterday led home one of the largest Thursday fields of the year and copped the Men's club Ruddles tourney at Salem golf course. Thirty-four linksmen participated in the nine-hole meet and saw King count 24 Ruddles for his win after shooting a 35. Three points behind at 21 was Millard Pekar. They took down the war stamps prizes. Immediately following the weekly round, a Dutch lunch was served in the clubhouse after which the six trophies won in the recent Spring Handicap tournament were presented. About 40 sat in on the lunch and enjoyed the lengthy quips of Member Don Young, who acted as master of ceremonies for the gathering: Millard Pekar presided over the spread as president of the club and commended highly the excellent job turned in so far by Tournament Committeemen Bill Goodwin, Bob Powell and Leo Estey. Trophies went to Walt Cline, Jr., George Seales, Don Hendrie, Hunt Clark and Al Lightner.

**Nova Notches 'Nother Win**  
TULSA, Okla., June 8—(AP)—Lou Nova, Van Nuys, Calif., heavy-weight, won his 12th straight victory in his current comeback tour by taking a 12-round decision over Jack Marshall of Dallas here Wednesday night. Both fighters scored no-count knockdowns. Nova weighed 204, Marshall 190. The winner's victory streak was marred last week when he went to a draw with Buddy Scott.

**Woodburn Golfers Plan Sunday Meet**  
WOODBURN—The Woodburn golf club plans a two-ball mixed foursome round of play next Sunday, to be followed by a no-host supper. Players must tee off in the tourney not later than 4 p. m. The supper will be served at 6 o'clock. The course is in fine playing condition, according to Club President Jake Herzhberger.

**Giants Set Back Boston, 6 to 4**  
NEW YORK, June 8—(AP)—The New York Giants made it two straight over the Boston Braves by winning the final of the two-game series, 6-4, today. Bill Volselle held the Braves to seven hits for his sixth victory of the season. It was the third straight time the Giants had beaten Jim Tobin, Boston's ace right-hander. Boston 010 000 111—4 7 3. New York 000 200 10—6 12 3. Tobin and Masi; Volselle and Manouse.

**Marshall Decisions Holman Williams**  
OAKLAND, Calif., June 8—(AP)—Lloyd Marshall, duration lightweight boxing champ from Cleveland and Sacramento, took a hard fought decision over Holman Williams, Detroit colored slugger, in 10 rounds here Wednesday night. Marshall was the aggressor through most of the fight and floored Williams for the first time in his career in the seventh.

# Commission Orders Achiu-Katonen Rasslin' Rematch for Coast Title Belt

The National rasslin' commission hath spoken, and empowered as it is over men of muscles, crunch cronies, etc., the commish has instructed Promoter Don Owen to return the Pacific Coast lighthouse title belt to Paavo "King Kong" Katonen, the Finnish gent who actually lost the thing to one Walter "Sneeze" Achiu Tuesday in the village groan pit. A national association rule which states that "no championship can be decided outside the ring," brought about the official decision, according to Owen. And since no one seems to know exactly what happened to Katonen outside the ring Tuesday—whatever it was it, kept the Finn from coming back before he was counted out—the commission has ordered that he suspend further defense of his belt until he meets the ju-jitsu Chinaman again. Which sent Owen into action immediately, making arrangements for the rematch at the Ferry Street garden next Tuesday night. In the meantime, Salem Boxing Commission Chairman Harry Levy still holds the title belt awaiting the decision of the national association. Harry braved the mob this week by refusing to give the belt to the Chinaman after it was apparent he had won, but decided he'd be "coast champ" until the mess was clarified officially. Between doctoring his shins, which were battered by culprits still at large, and vowing he'll hold the coveted belt until notified officially otherwise, Levy has the thing amongst his best beef and pork cuts over on State street. He will keep it until Katonen and Achiu beef off their beef next Tuesday night. According to some reports, Achiu applied his famed "sleepers" held to the fallen Finn after both had vacated from the ring during the third fall this week. "Sleeper" or not, whatever Achiu used it was effective enough to rouse the usually quiet-mannered Paavo to the opposite extreme. It was the first time Katonen had ever been confronted with Achiu's ju-jitsu stuff, and as dozens who watched the Finn in action downstairs after it was over will attest, he plans mayhem for the Chinaman "next time" with everything from well-known judo to Ranger tactics. Just one of the Finn's emblazoned bleats afterwards was: "Ef he wants

few ressie like dat I show him a few tings what I learned when I wass working with Commandos and Rangers in San Diego!" Achiu was allowed full use of his nerve-tingling tweaks Tuesday and will be given the same privileges next week, claims Owen. The Chinaman has never held the title. Owen is now arranging the preliminary matches and promises Bulldog Jackson will occupy one-fourth of the two starters. Gorgeous George Wagner will not appear next week. Tickets for the scuffles go on sale at Maple's Monday at no advance in price.

## STATESMAN SPORTS

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor

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### New U of Oregon 'Head Man'



**'Honest John' Warren Named Webfoot Cage, Baseball Boss**  
EUGENE, June 8—(AP)—John A. "Honest John" Warren, head football coach at the University of Oregon for the duration, has been named head basketball and baseball mentor for the 1944-45 season, announced Athletic Director Anse Cornell here today. Warren replaces Howard Hobson, who is on sabbatical leave of absence and is attending Columbia university in New York to study for a doctor's degree. Hobson is scheduled to return in July of 1945. It has been widely rumored that Warren would succeed Hobson. Warren guided the school's army trainee "Armyducks" quintet through a successful season last winter and is considered one of the best hoop mentors in the northwest. His Astoria high school teams prior to his coming to Oregon nine years ago as frosh coach were perennial threats in Oregon prep play. Although basketball will definitely be played at Oregon next winter, it is doubtful if a basketball or football program will be carried out. The destiny of these two sports may be decided during the Pacific Coast conference meeting at Hood River next week.

### Playgrounds Open June 15

Swimming pools and other facilities of Olinger and Leslie city playgrounds will open June 15, with five neighborhood recreational spots scheduled for an inauguration four days later, Eugene Flesher, city playground director, announced yesterday. Included in the Olinger and Leslie program will be instruction in handcraft, and life guards will be on hand at both pools at all times. Tom Drynan has been named supervisor of the Olinger lot, and Bob Keuscher head man at Leslie. Bob Metzger will serve as traveling supervisor of the neighborhood playgrounds at Englewood, Highland, Grant, Richmond and Bush grade school grounds, each at which an attendant will be on duty. Committees to serve the playground program during the summer, as announced by Flesher yesterday, are: Olinger—Superintendent, Tom Drynan; kindergarten and handicraft, Mrs. Jim Walter; life guards, Janet Rogers and Katie Griffiths; checkroom, DeLores Converse and Roberts Rogers. Leslie—Superintendent, Bob Keuscher; kindergarten and handicraft, Mrs. C. E. Denham; life guards, Phyllis Gueffroy and Leah Smith; checkroom, DeLores Hamilton and Pat Zeller; custodian, Sam Parker; alternates, life guard, Suzanne Smith; checkroom, Vivian Easton. Englewood—Mrs. W. Gordon Block; Highland—unnamed. Grant—Mrs. Clifton Minder; Richmond, unnamed. Bush—Miss Cleo Shipley.

### Indians Rake Brownies, 4-3

ST. LOUIS, June 8—(AP)—The Cleveland Indians, bunching three hits in the fifth inning, defeated the St. Louis Browns 4 to 3 tonight. Al Smith walked and Lou Boudreau doubled, setting the stage for the Indians' scoring spree. Mike Rocco clouted a double, scoring Smith and Boudreau. Roy Cullenbine got the third double and scored Rocco. Cleveland 001 000 000—4 6 3. St. Louis 100 002 000—3 6 1. Smith, Heving (6), Killeman (9) and McDonnell; Kramer and Hayworth.

### Redwoods to Practice At Olinger Tonight

Coach Bill Phillips has called a practice session for the Redwoods Nursery nine of the Salem Junior baseball circuit tonight at 5:30 o'clock on Olinger field. All players are asked to be present for the important meeting.

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### Helser Pitches 2-1 Victory

**Bevos Trim Angels To Remain on Top**  
PORTLAND, June 8—(AP)—The Portland Beavers came from behind for the second consecutive night to beat Los Angeles in a Pacific coast league game, 3-2, here tonight. Portland, trailing 2-1, crowded over two runs in the eighth to win. Pitcher Roy Helser hung up the win for Portland, which completes the current series with the Angels with single games here Friday and Saturday and a doubleheader Sunday. The victory left the Bevos at the top of the loop's heap, a half game ahead of Seattle, who defeated Oakland at Seattle tonight. San Francisco remained in third place a single game back of the Rainiers, while the Hollywood Stars are right behind in fourth place. L. A. 000 001 100—3 10 3. Port. 000 001 02x—3 7 2. Carreras and Sarni; Helser and Camroni.

### Reds Edge Out Cards, 2 to 1

**St. Louis Finally Scores Off Walters**  
CINCINNATI, June 8—(AP)—Bucky Walters just missed his third straight shutout against the St. Louis Cardinals tonight but the Reds squeezed the game for him on a pair of unearned runs, 2 to 1. Walters, who blanked the Cards 1 to 0 in 13 innings and 2 to 0 in nine in his last two tries against them, ran the scoreless string to 30 innings but the Cards talked in the ninth on singles by Debs Garms and Stan Musial and a fly. St. Louis 000 000 001—1 6 2. Cincinnati 000 002 00—2 4 0. Lanier, Mueger (8) and Ode; Walters and Mueller.

### Red Sox Nose Yankees, 8-7

BOSTON, June 8—(AP)—Just as darkness threatened to enforce a deadlock, Catcher Roy Partee bashed out his first homer of the season in the ninth inning tonight to give the Boston Red Sox an 8-7 win over the slumping New York Yankees in a twilight engagement before a 6663 crowd. New York 004 201 000—7 9 2. Boston 510 100 001—8 10 0. Page, Zuber, Donald and Garbarik; Woods, Ryba and Partee.

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