

Doerr Eyed As 'Most Valuable'

By GLEN PERKINS
NEW YORK, July 7.—(AP)—

Robert Pershing Doerr, the silent second sacker for the Boston Red Sox, who leaves it to the record books to sing his praises was getting eloquent statistical support today as the American league's top flight candidate for "most valuable player award."

The Oregon "clam," whose distinction for years was that he was even less loquacious as a second baseman than Charley Gehringer of Detroit, quietly is monopolizing the league's batting honors to go with the fielding laurels he usually captures.

Long noted for his prowess afield, Doerr has come up as a hitter this season and currently is challenging Thurman Tucker of Chicago for the batting lead in the American loop with a .339 record, only seven points off the pace. In addition he is second in runs-batted-in with 44, first in hits with 95, first in doubles with 22. He has hit eight homers to rank next to four players tied for the league lead with nine each and is tied for third in triples with five.

Bob Johnson Hot Too

Doerr's present average is .69 points better than his final figure of 1943 and 52 points over his seven-year major league figure of .287. He boosted his batting mark nine points Thursday by getting four hits for a perfect day in Boston's 13-3 victory over Detroit. Cecil "Tex" Hughson had an easy time winning his 13th game against three defeats with every Boston player getting at least one hit in the 20-hit assault. Bob Johnson got a homer, triple, double and single.

Good pitching prevailed elsewhere in the American league with Hank Borowy of the Yankees, Bob Muncie of the leading Browns and Mickey Hefner of Washington all turning in four-hit shutouts.

Muncie's 5-0 victory over the Philadelphia Athletics enabled the Browns to maintain a 2½ game margin over the Red Sox with Vernon Stephens' first-inning three-run homer giving him all the margin he needed.

Borowy turned in his 11th victory, 4-0 over Cleveland, yielding only two scratch hits until the ninth.

Hefner pitched his best game of the season in beating the White Sox 5-0, with the Senators giving him an early lead on two runs in the first inning.

Cards Stopped By Volselle
The Cincinnati Reds were guilty of a waste of batting punch with their ace, Bucky Walters, pitching his 14th victory. They made 13 hits off the doddering Brooklyn Dodgers in a 10-4 victory. It was Brooklyn's 10th straight defeat.

Bill Volselle, New York Giants' top moundsman, ended the St. Louis Cardinals' winning streak at seven, holding the league leaders to eight scattered hits in gaining his 11th victory, 10-1.

The Pittsburgh Pirates made all their runs in the sixth inning to defeat the Philadelphia Phillies 6-5. Nick Strincevich weakened in the eighth when the Phils scored four runs but Xavier Rescigno held them scoreless in the ninth.

The Chicago Cubs moved out of eighth place again, pushing in the Boston Braves by beating them 11-6, making 15 hits off three pitchers.

17-Year-Old Stars In Western Net Tourney

NEENAH, Wis., July 7.—(AP)—Shirley Fry, 17, Akron, O., who last year won the Western junior girls' title, advanced to the women's semi-finals of the 57th annual Western tennis tournament Thursday with a brilliant 6-1, 6-3 victory over Katherine Wolf, Elkhart, Ind.

The Miami university star, Pancho Segura, did not play, but Bill Talbert, considered the only obstacle in Segura's bid for the men's crown, advanced with an easy 6-1, 6-0 victory over Dale Lewis.

A's Purchase Rosenthal

PHILADELPHIA, July 7.—(AP)—The Philadelphia Athletics announced today the acquisition of Larry Rosenthal, former New York Yankee outfielder, from Newark of the International League, for an undisclosed amount of cash and Outfielder Lew Flick.

Vander Meer In Top Form

By OSCAR FRALEY

SAMPSON, N. Y., July 6.—(AP)—Seaman 2-c Johnny Vander Meer rubbed his long, lantern jaw today and admitted he was pitching better baseball for Uncle Sam at \$54 a month than he did for the Cincinnati Reds at \$15,000 a year.

"It's a funny thing," the double no-hit pitcher mused as he walked to his barracks in the naval training center, "but I honestly believe I have more stuff and better control this season than I ever had. My arm feels great and I've conquered that wildness which bothered me so long."

Substantiating Johnny's claim is the fact that he has won all five games he has pitched for the Sampson Sailors, downing the Boston Red Sox, and Baltimore, Syracuse and Rochester of the International League and Scranton of



SAFE AT THIRD BY A TOE—Detroit second baseman, Eddie Mayo slides feet first and grabs a toe hold on third base before Hillis Layne, Washington third sacker, can put his long reach on him during a game won by Detroit at Washington. Mayo sprinted for third after a long fly to centerfield by one of his teammates.

Oakland Regains Coast League Lead; Beavers In Seventh Place

(Associated Press)

The Oakland A's are back at the top of the Coast league after their 7-3 defeat of the San Francisco Seals Thursday night switched the positions of the teams for the third time in as many days.

Meanwhile the Seattle Rainiers turned 11 hits into an 8-1 victory over the Portland Beavers and

climbed into a tie with the Seals for second place. The loss dropped Portland into seventh position.

Verne Reynolds' 12th-inning single scoring Jack Calvey gave the San Diego Padres a 3-2 win over the Sacramento Solons. It was the cellar-dwelling Solons' first loss in the current Padre series.

The Hollywood Stars won over Los Angeles 3-2 and moved into fifth place.

Seattle pounded in two runs off Don Purford in the second inning and sent him to an early shower with two more in the third.

After the game Seattle Manager Bill Skiff announced the optioning of Catcher Harold Hoffman to Little Rock of the Southern Association.

Portland's good results on spinner and fly.

Columbia county, fair for trout; Nehalem river, good results on spinner and fly.

Tillamook county—The Tillamook, Trask, Wilson, Nestucca, Little Nestucca and the Nehalem rivers have yielded fair catches of trout.

Lincoln—Fair catches from the Siletz and Five Rivers on flies and spinners.

Jackson—Generally good, in rivers, streams and lakes.

Deschutes—Fair, weather conditions unsettled, roads to all lakes good, limit catches reported at Sparks lake and Paulina and East lakes trolling.

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Conflicts Loom For Coliseum Dates

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LOS ANGELES, July 7.—(AP)—A thundering row over football dates at the Coliseum was in the mill today as the sixth district agricultural commission said it intended to use the saucer on four days already assigned to major games.

Settlement of the conflict posed a problem. The 101,000-seat arena has been without management since February 29, when the joint ownership contract of the city, county supervisors and state body expired.

Only last week Arnold Eddy, graduate-manager of the University of Southern California, fired a blunderbuss application for a legal contract covering dates, but nobody appeared to have any authority.

Exercising its rights under the original contract of 1930, in which it was given 30 days every year to use the Coliseum, the state body notified the city and county that it wanted the stadium August 25, September 23, October 23 and October 27; and might lease it for athletic activities.

Maj. Paul Schleiser, coach of the March field army squad, had planned to use the Coliseum on August 25 for a game with the professional Washington Redskins. U.S.C. and U.C.L.A. were slated to open the collegiate season with a game on September 23.

The October 23 date would conflict with U.S.C.'s first scheduled night game against Washington, while the Bruins carded a night contest with the Alameda coast guard team October 27.

Allen Drumheller's Sirde was second after running fifth most of the way. Challenge Me came on in the stretch and finished third.

Washington Hunting Dates Are Announced
SEATTLE, July 7.—(AP)—Twenty-nine day seasons, the longest ever enjoyed in the state, were set for upland game birds in eastern and western Washington by the state game commission yesterday.

The new deer season dates are: Oct. 8-29 in western Washington, Oct. 8-Nov. 12 in Pend Oreille, part of Stevens east of Columbia river, and parts of Spokane and Lincoln. Oct. 28-Nov. 5 in Okanogan, Chelan, Yakima, Kittitas, Douglas, Ferry, and part of Stevens.

Table Netmen Honored
VAN NUYS, Cal., July 7.—(AP)—Harry Cook, Forest Hills, N. Y., and Douglas Cartland, New York city, international table tennis kings, today were presented the Helms athletic foundation awards in a special ceremony at Birmingham army hospital.

MURRAY VS. THOMPSON
NEW YORK, July 7.—(AP)—Promoter Mike Jacobs announced today that a heavyweight fight between Lee Q. Murray of New York and Turkey Thompson of Los Angeles, scheduled for July 27 at Madison Square Garden, has been rescheduled for July 28.

CUBS BUY PITCHER
CHICAGO, July 7.—(AP)—The Chicago Cubs have purchased Mack Stewart, 31-year-old right-handed pitcher, from the Nashville, Tenn., club, it was announced today.

HEADS TURF ASSOCIATION
CHICAGO, July 7.—(AP)—Maj. Edwyed Williams, chairman of the Illinois racing commission, was named president of the National association of state racing commissions at the closing session of the organization's meeting here Thursday.

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Wagner, Parks Set For Clash

Main Event—George Wagner vs. Herb Parks.

Semi-Final—Tony Morelli vs. Bill Konke.

Opener—Bulldog Jackson vs. Bill McEuin.

Referee—Elton Owen.

George Wagner and Herb Parks, contenders for the Pacific coast light-heavyweight wrestling championship, could furnish mat followers with the best grappling match of the year at the Pearl street arena Saturday night. The matmen, who boast speed, aggressiveness and color, will be battling for the right to a championship engagement against Paavo Katonen—and the blue chips will be down.

Matchmaker Don Owen has not "spared the horses" in signing a sparkling supporting program. Opening the show at 8:30 o'clock will be a match between Bulldog Jackson and Billy McEuin. The semi-final sends Tony Morelli against Bill Konke.

Jackson, the "clown prince" of the grum-and-groan sport, can always be counted upon to give an entertaining exhibition. But behind his comical the veteran hammerlock specialist carries a bag full of tricks that makes him one of the most feared men in the business. McEuin, the tough Texan, is a formidable opponent, and his fisticuffs will give Jackson all the action he craves. It will be an all-meanie brawl.

Konke, the Canadian protege of Parks, will be the popular favorite against Morelli, the Italian villain from Pennsylvania's steel mills. Tony, not satisfied with his deadlock against Silent Rattan here last week, promised he would tear Konke "limb from limb."

The youthful Canadian is capable of caring for himself when the going gets rough.

Major interest, of course, settles around the headliner. Parks will not only be the favorite with the local fans, but will be a 5-to-4 betting favorite on the strength of his amazing triumph over Katonen in a non-title tilt here last Saturday.

The match is attracting more interest than any recent bout, and a capacity crowd appears certain. The Club cigar store ticket agency reported a brisk sale of reserved seat tickets, with the indication that all choice seats would be gone by Saturday night.

Parks, even without the victory over Katonen last week, holds the strongest claim to a championship match. He was coast champion at Pearl Harbor time and relinquished the title when he returned to Canada for war work.

The Canadian displayed surprising form in beating the champion in the non-title tilt, and it was his speed and aggressiveness that won over the rugged Finn.

Against Wagner, Parks will find different competition. But he has met Wagner before and is fully aware of the style employed by "Gorgeous George." Regardless of the outcome, the match is expected to be one of the most hotly contested battles for the summer season.

Jim Tobin Added To National Loop Stars
NEW YORK, July 7.—(AP)—Pitcher Jim Tobin of the Boston Braves, who pitched the first no-hit game of the 1944 season, was named to the National league team today for Tuesday's all-star game by President Ford Frick, succeeding George Munger of the Cardinals who will be inducted into the army the day of the game.

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Cascade Loop Lead At Stake

The Glustina Reds and the Miller Lumbermen meet Friday night at Civic Stadium in the most important game of the second-half schedule of the Cascade baseball league. Game time will be 8:30 o'clock.

Glen Younger's Lumbermen have won their first two starts in the second-half campaign and a victory over the Reds, first-half titlists, would give the Miller team a decided edge in forcing the Glustina club into a championship league playoff.

Both clubs, however, have a long, rough road to travel before the close of the regular schedule—August 2.

Earl Kennell, big Albany fast-ball pitcher, or Chet Simpson, curveball artist from Lebanon, will be Younger's mound choice against the favorites who have suddenly found their batting stride. Manager Ed Brauner has a long list of pitchers to select from—Southpaw Bob Caviness, Soldier Mark Lewis, Harold Wilson, John Warren and Johnny Dunn. Archie Hayes, who worked six innings Tuesday, might be used.

The game looms as one of the best of the season, and a large crowd is expected for the contest.

The Lumbermen will be forced to play their fourth game within a week next Sunday in meeting the Snellstrom Braves in the first game of a doubleheader. The Springfield Cardinals and Hills Creek will vie in the nightcap.

Pep 6-5 Favorite To Beat Joyce Friday

CHICAGO, July 7.—(AP)—Chicago's rejuvenated prize-fight activities will reach a climactic stage Friday night when Willie Pep, world's featherweight champion, meets Willie Joyce, Gary, Ind., Negro, in a 10-round "natural" that has been shaping up steadily for the past few months.

The build-up for the bout occurred in Chicago when Pep amazed midwest ring fans with his clever boxing savvy as he outclassed Frankie Rubino last May, and Joyce scored an upset victory over Henry Armstrong June 2.

Pep was the 6-5 favorite on the morning line, and it was believed that Joyce would press for a possible knockout.

Teams Lined Up In Junior Baseball School

Four teams are lined up in the Active club's junior baseball school at Civic stadium Thursday night, and games will be scheduled every Thursday starting at 6:30. Johnny Dunn and John Warren were in charge of the school being directed by Ed Brauner. Practice sessions will be held every Saturday morning from 9 o'clock until noon.

Dutch Clark May Coach Seattle Pro Gridmen

SEATTLE, July 7.—(AP)—Possibility that he might get around today to talking terms with Al Davies, owner of the Seattle franchise in the American professional football league, was voiced by Earl "Dutch" Clark, long-famed professional gridiron coach.

Clark termed his conferences with Davies yesterday as only of a preliminary nature.

GRIDDER MISSING IN ACTION

SAN MARINO, Cal., July 7.—(AP)—C. Edgar Cotton, father of Lt. Kenneth "Red" Cotton, 28, today said he had been notified the former University of California basketball star is missing in action.

Bob Hamilton Posts 66 Round

MINNEAPOLIS, July 7.—(AP)—

Golf's top-winning two some, Harold "Jug" McSpaden of Philadelphia, and Byron Nelson of Toledo, O., shattered par on a shower-splashed course Thursday for a 61 best-ball card that gave them a plus-four count and a tie for the lead at the end of the first round in Golden Valley's second invitation tournament.

McSpaden and Nelson were 12 under par in their four-day decision over Chick Harbert, army private from Battle Creek, Mich., and Mike Turnesa from the Elmwood Country club, White Plains, N. Y.

Equally well-off at the end of the day was the team of Bob Hamilton, Evansville, Ind., and Bill Kaiser, Louisville, Ky., whose combination 64 put them four-up over Les Bolstad and Joe Coria, twin cities entries in the \$10,000 event.

Hamilton, 28-year-old pro at the Helfrick Field club in Evansville, posted an individual mark of 66, seven under regulation figures.

Other first-round results were Jimmy Hines and Willie Goggin, one-up over Sam Byrd and Johnny Revolta; Lt. Ben Hogan and Tony Penna, one-up over Harry Cooper and Ellsworth Vines.

Baseball

COAST

Team	W	L	Pct.
Oakland	46	42	.523
San Francisco	46	43	.517
Seattle	46	43	.517
San Diego	47	46	.511
Hollywood	44	46	.489
Los Angeles	44	46	.489
Portland	46	48	.489
Sacramento	40	47	.460

NATIONAL

Team	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	43	32	.572
Cincinnati	40	31	.563
Pittsburgh	36	30	.545
New York	35	26	.577
Brooklyn	33	40	.452
Philadelphia	30	39	.438
Chicago	28	38	.424
Boston	28	42	.400

AMERICAN

Team	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	43	32	.572
Boston	40	34	.541
New York	35	24	.594
Chicago	33	24	.577
Washington	36	37	.493
Cleveland	30	36	.455
Philadelphia	30	39	.438
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Major Leaders

Team	AB	R	H	E	Pct.
Tucker, Chicago	208	35	73	346	
Doerr, Boston	229	33	93	329	
Fox, Boston	210	38	70	339	

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City Softball Opener Slate

Two six-team softball teams were organized here this week under the Eugene city recreation program, and a round-robin schedule will next Tuesday evening.

Games will be played at Willard, Condon, Union high, Eugene high, and possibly the Civic stadium every Tuesday Thursday evenings, starting 7 o'clock. Division of leagues follows:

National—Eugene, Medo-Land, Nebergall, Lons, Babb's, Northwest Christian College.

American—Junior, Dions, East Side, Engineers, Baptists, Lumbermen.

The schedule for games will be announced by Harry Davis, recreation director, as soon as fields are selected. The director will like to have applications for umpires for the games—be paid \$1 per game.

Grove Softballers In Preliminary Battles

Four summer recreation teams battled in the second of trial games last week at Jefferson grounds. Frank Methodist Wolves howled in field when Jack Carter's infield, led by snappy O'Husted at third, cut off near-hits and Vernon Cooper, kept the Methodist sluggers knocking pop-flies.

The Dorena Townies nip-and-tuck affair from Anderson's Quality Market 4-3. Coach Curt French Leonard Barkmeyer to against Dorena's Milo Coughlin created a pitcher's all the way.

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"They certainly don't, Herb... and they shouldn't. They're doing a masterful job fighting over there to protect our rights and they have good license to expect us to protect theirs back here at home. One thing they're mighty clear on is their stand on prohibition."

"Their position on that subject was stated very emphatically in a poll taken recently

among American service men in England by the British Institute of Public Opinion. When hundreds of men were asked point blank how they would vote on prohibition, 85% of them stated, in unmistakable terms, that they would vote against it. There's no doubt about it, Herb... the men overseas don't want any action taken on that subject while they're away."

"And they're 100% right, Judge, because I know how I felt when I came home after the last war—only to learn that we had been over there fighting for