

Skits and Scratches

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Recognition at Last

Apparently there will be nothing phony about the Far West-ern heavyweight boxing title after Joe Kahut and Rex Layne conclude their argument in the Portland auditorium the night of July 18. Too often boxing matches have been staged as "cham-pionship affairs," merely for the purpose of attracting the maximum number of cash customers. But this Kahut-Layne affair promises to be the pure quill and the winner is assured of a crown that will receive recognition from most of the larger boxing centers and from "Ring Magazine," official publication of the boxing world. Layne is a 21-year-old Irishman, named recently by Joe Louis as the best heavyweight prospect in the country. He posted 15 consecutive knockouts last year, his first in professional pugilism. Kahut's most recent achievement was a decision over Grant Butcher, one of Layne's victims.

John Farrar's Boys

With the acquisition of Bill Spaeter by the Salem Senators, John Farrar's family has grown to four. John, one time post-master, whose interests are wide, has always been a friend to professional baseball players. His home has been open to all who could be accommodated and so far as we have learned, his hospitality has always been appreciated. Rooming at the Farrar residence on North Cottage street, just off Court are Spaeter, Bill Osborn, Bob Cherry and Gene Gaviglio—all Californians. Incidentally, John commented that Bill Spaeter "is a fine fellow."

Scoreboard Handicap?

When Al Spaeter was a member of the Salem ball club, his major project was to move the scoreboard at Waters park either to the left or right from its present location. He never succeeded in his efforts. Now Bob Cherry has taken up the program. The idea isn't new with Cherry since he has objected for a number of seasons to trying to solve pitches that come out of the white numerals and figures of the scoreboard. He believes that some batter may get badly hurt or possibly killed by a pitch that is never seen or comes into view too late to be avoided. Cherry swears that in a recent game he failed to see two pitches until they went whizzing past his head. "It's hard to wait until the last moment to swing under such conditions," he complains.

Tacoma Not Drawing

Even though the Tacoma Tigers are engaged in a hot pennant fight, having been on top virtually all season, attendance there is far from satisfactory. The 30,000 mark has scarcely been topped and one on the outside cannot help wondering why. One reason advanced is the nearness of Seattle with its Pacific Coast ball and another is the distance of the Tacoma park from the downtown section. Other club owners believe a move elsewhere might prove beneficial to the entire league. One suggestion is that the franchise be moved to Aberdeen.

Just a Cup of Coffee

Hurley Bell, the Negro baseballer of uncertain age, came and saw but did not conquer. He merely got a "cup of coffee" as baseball vernacular terms it and was on his way. While a clown has his usefulness, neither Ad Liska nor George Emigh thought it would be a good idea to put one on the payroll on a permanent basis, since such action would mean the releasing of one of the regulars. Incidentally Bell advanced the information prior to his appearance at Waters park that he could play virtually any position on the club in an acceptable manner. He did provide spectators with a few good laughs and not a few wanted a repeat performance. But as Ad Liska put it "we can lose enough ball games as it is."

Revised Odds Favor Cards And Tigers in Next Series

New York, July 13 (AP)—The Detroit Tigers and St. Louis Cardinals were favored to meet in the 1950 world series according to revised odds released today on the pennant races.

The Tigers, who resumed their pennant quest after the all-star game intermission with a three-game lead, were established 8 to 5 favorites in the American league. The second-place Cardinals were pegged at 2 to 1 to win in the National league.

New York odds-makers, who heavily favored the Brooklyn Dodgers and Boston Red Sox in their pre-season "line,"

made the Dodgers their third choice in the revised odds and made the Red Sox a long-shot 7 to 1 pick after it was learned that Ted Williams might be lost for the rest of the season. The Dodgers, a 6 to 5 choice in the early line, were pegged at 3 to 1 today.

The defending world champion New York Yankees remained the second choice in the American league at the same 5 to 2 odds at which they started the season.

The Philadelphia Phillies and Tigers gained the most support in the first half of the season. The odds-makers virtually ignored Eddie Sawyer's "whiz kids" in the early line, pegging them at 8 to 1, but established them a solid 5 to 2 second choice to win the National league flag in the revised figures.

Only four teams were given

much of a chance to win in each league. The Boston Braves were rated at 6 to 1 behind the Cardinals, Phillies and Dodgers in the N. L. while the Cleveland Indians moved past the Red Sox to become the American league's third choice at 3 to 1.

Williams' injury, suffered when the Red Sox slugger smashed his left elbow against the concrete wall of Comiskey park while catching Ralph Kiner's first-inning all-star game drive, exerted the most influence on the new American league odds.

At 29, the new LaMotta not only gave a boxing exhibition, but he flabbergasted the crowd

Salem Legions Score 7-1 Win Over Stayton Juniors

Stayton—Poor defensive work on the part of Stayton, plus the two hit pitching of Steve Merchant resulted in a 7-1 win for Salem's American Legion junior ball club over the locals Wednesday evening.

Earlier in the season Stayton had beaten the Capital Posters. The issue was decided last night in the first-inning when the visitors scored six runs on a combination of two errors, two walks, a hit batter and a brace of singles.

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