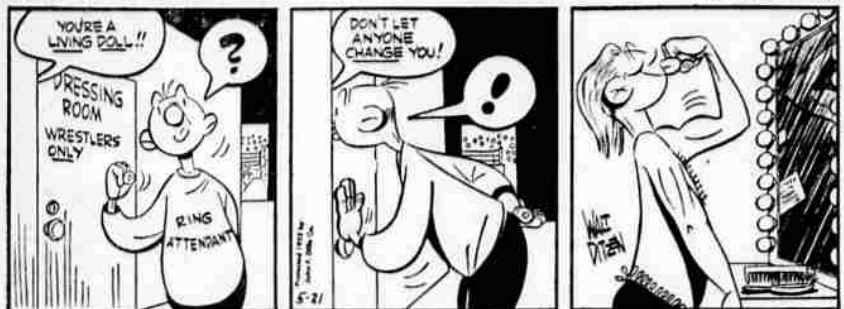


FAN FARE

By Walt Ditzon



Seals Held to Three Hits, But Defeat Portland, 3-1

By PAUL CANE

San Francisco (AP)—The wheel of fortune, its little white ball starting to pop in the wrong places, went spinning around Lefty O'Doul's head Wednesday. But the San Diego manager wavered—and hoped—his luck would hold out a while longer. O'Doul and his Padres enjoy the altitude of first place, though they seem to be descending slowly.

Oakland sliced the Pads' Pacific Coast league margin to a game-and-a-half Tuesday night, nipping San Diego, 3-1, on lefty Lloyd Hittle's fine pitching performance.

San Francisco turned three hits into a 3-1 victory over Portland because one of the safeties was a homer by Joe Grace with two on.

Los Angeles nipped Sacramento, 4-3, when Gene Baker doubled to set up the tie-breaker in the eighth. It rained at Seattle and Hollywood and the Rainiers did not play.

The appearance of San Diego as league leader was taken as a temporary thing, even to O'Doul. But Lefty doesn't plan to yield his top spot without a skirmish or two. He's added talent like Allen Ritchie, Herb Gorman and Lou Stringer to his squad with the idea of maintaining the status quo.

But neither those three, nor any other Padres bothered Hittle as he went about his workmanlike job. Cracker Jack Graham spoiled his series of zeros by hitting a homer in the ninth. Earlier, the Oaks had picked up three runs in one-shot off Willie Luna, the San Diego southpaw.

Grace, the Seals' leading stickler, and among the PCI, but leaders, hit his four-master in the first inning. It was the southpaw-swinging's first homer of the year. With the three-run lead on which to work, Bill Bradford turned in a great effort, allowing only four hits.

The win put the Seals at the .500 mark, with 24 wins and 24 losses.

The fourth-place Angels fought from behind to measure the Solons. Dan Watkins, who blanked the Saes during his three frame relief stint, got a deserved win. Bob Usher hit for the circuit for Los Angeles. And catcher Jim McKeegan plopped one out of the park for the Solons.

Here's Latest Fishski Story

London (AP)—Moscow Radio sounded a few loud sneers Tuesday at the achievements of capitalist fishermen. In Russia, a broadcast said, everybody fishes better.

The big fish story was set off by the return of a Soviet whaling flotilla after seven months in the Antarctic. The Russian fishermen, the broadcast said, had accounted for "great achievements."

"Vasily Tupikov, for example, killed 372 whales. A hero of Socialist Labor, Afansy Purgin, killed 333 and Georgy Ofsyannikov, 319," Moscow boasted, adding:

"The Norwegian harpooner, Marius Jakobsen, of 20 years standing and the best harpooner in the capitalist countries, has during one season killed only 151 whales.

"His record," Moscow calmly added, "was beaten by all Soviet harpooners."

Purdue Star Signs Pro Pact

Chicago (AP)—Purdue half-back Neil Schmidt, ninth on the Chicago Cardinals draft list last year, has signed a 1952 contract, Coach Joe Kuharich announced Wednesday.

Schmidt finished college a year ago and coached the Rushville, Ind., high school team last year. He was a star at Purdue in 1950, gaining 406 yards in 101 carries and 282 yards on 23 pass receptions.

Eugene Meet to Attract Some of Nation's Finest

Los Angeles (AP)—The 22nd annual Pacific Coast conference track and field championships at Eugene, Ore., this week-end feature some of the nation's outstanding candidates for the U. S. Olympic games team.

Southern California's Trojans, with an 18-man team, will be aiming at the school's 12th straight PCC championship.

Five conference athletes boast the best college marks in the country this year. They are Rod Richard of UCLA, 20.8 in the 220-yard dash; George Brown, UCLA, with 26 feet 3/4 in the broad jump; Jack Davis, USC, 14.0 in the high hurdles; shotputter Percy O'Brien, USC, 56 feet 6 3/4; and Sim Iness, USC, 182 feet 5

Jensen-Harris Ticket Popular in Washington

The Jackie Jensen-Bucky Harris ticket is sweeping the country since they opened headquarters at Washington, they've won more delegates than Eisenhower and Taft combined.

With impish delight in the embarrassment of the rich New York Yankees who let both men go, the public is getting a kick out of the surge of the underdogs.

Second place may turn out to be an over-ambitious perch for the Senators. But they are looking up—not down—at the moment. Only two games behind Cleveland after Tuesday night's 2-0 defeat over St. Louis, the Jensen-Harris ticket is in the mood to claim a pennant on an early ballot.

Jensen rapped Tommy Byrne for a perfect 3-for-3 night. Since joining Washington, 17 games ago, Jensen has batted .375. That brought his season average up to .314.

While Jensen sprayed base hits, Harris, fired as Yank manager in 1948 basked in a new-found wealth of pitching.

Connie Marrero, the chubby little Cuban, did the shutout pitching for Harris Tuesday night with a four-hitter against the Browns.

While the Yanks might have reasons to regret the deal that sent Jensen to Washington, they could point with pride to the Johnny Sain purchase and Mickey Mantle's four hits at Chicago.

Sain's efficient six-hitter against Chicago Tuesday night for his fourth win, 4-3, made him the Yanks' top winner.

Rain washed out the rest of the big league program, including the entire four-game National league schedule.

Bud Cox Named Grid Captain at L-Clark

Portland (AP)—Bud Cox, veteran guard, Wednesday was the first football captain to be elected in Lewis and Clark college's history. Cox was a Little All-American for the Pioneers last fall and is a three-time all-Northwest conference performer.

Mixed Foursomes Play At Golf Club Sunday

A two-hall mixed foursome will be conducted on the Salem Golf club links Sunday. Those desiring to enter, play or attend the dinner which will accompany the one-day tournament must phone in their reservations to Mrs. Howard Wicklund, 3-6042, by noon Friday.

Portland Aims for Big-Time Grid Games

Portland (AP)—A move was underway here Wednesday to get more big-time football games staged in Multnomah Stadium. A committee, headed by Dave Simpson of Portland, has been organized to bring big-time grid encounters to Portland.

Willamette U Letter-Winners For Year Named

The list of Willamette university athletic letter awards in five sports during the year 1951-52 has been announced by Athletic Director Chester Stackhouse.

The football award winners include: Four-year letterman—Bob Hall, Woodburn. Three-year—Don Rostford, Oregon City; John Markoski, Portland. Two-year—Bob Hanson, Medford; Bob Miller, Vancouver. Wash. Walter Richards, freewasser. Endorse. Homebook. Tillamook. Charles Koenig, Walden. Kaul. One-year—Mark Cotton, Coburg; Tom Collier and Bob Dyer, Salem; Ken Cooper and Charles Lewis, Beattie; Harvey Espl and William Clarke, Burlington; Carl Don Hays, Repton. Wash. Robert Cody, Corvallis; Benny Holt, Walden. Kaul. John Keni, San Carlos, Cal.; Ray Fretwell, Medford; Mike Hoyt, Olympia, Wash.; Charles Naome, Neskowin, Oreg.; Andy George, Mt. Hope, N. J.; Mickey Cook, Roseburg; Ruben Menzies, Portland. Managers—Robert Reichelder, Lake Grove and Howard Wilson, Salem.

Baseball lettermen: Four-year—Dick Browner and Lou Scrivens, Portland; Duke Louie, Longview, Wash.; Ted Loder, Milwaukie. Three-year—Mush Ehlinger, Salem. Two-year—Larry Smith, Vancouver, Wash. One-year—Dick Mace, Daryl Gird and Bob Shepard, Salem; Andy George, Mt. Hope, N. J.; Benny Holt, Walden, Kaul; Dave Gray, West Linn; Elmer Hansen and Gene Jones, both of Salem; Dennis Chasner, Portland. Managers—Howard Wilson and Erwin Weber, both of Salem.

Tennis lettermen: Three-year—John Ambler, Jr., Portland. Two-year—Jim Morgan, Salem. One-year—Oscar Watson, Salem; Chas. Chasner, Dick Church and Kenneth Baines, both of Portland.

Golf lettermen: Two-year—Bill Wittenberg, Portland. One-year—Merv and Ella Von Eschen, both of Salem; Dan Callaghan, Salem; Dick Church and Kenneth Baines, both of Portland.

Major Standings

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct. G.B. for National League.

Tuesday's Results: Cincinnati at Brooklyn, postponed, rain. St. Louis at New York, night, postponed, rain. Chicago at Boston, night, postponed, rain. Philadelphia at Philadelphia, night, postponed, rain.

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct. G.B. for American League.

Tuesday's Results: Washington 2, St. Louis 0, night. New York 4, Chicago 2, night. Philadelphia at Detroit, postponed, rain. Boston at Cleveland, night, postponed, rain.

LaMotta Thinks Hairston to Be Pushover

Detroit (AP)—Former Middleweight Champion Jake LaMotta has been talking about an easy fight and even a knockout in his 10-round rematch with Eugene Hairston at Olympia Stadium Wednesday night.

But the 30-year-old Bronx Bull, who now has an eye on the light-heavyweight title, is rated a slight underdog. Some of the betting gentry have made Hairston a 6-5 favorite and the 22-year-old Negro was expected to be at least an even money choice by fight time, 6 p.m., PST.

The bout will be telecast and broadcast on a national network. LaMotta and Hairston fought to a controversial draw here March 5. For Wednesday night's bout, LaMotta hopes to weigh 166 pounds, two and a half less than he weighed for the March encounter. Hairston expects to come in at 162, one pound more than he weighed last time.

LaMotta hopes eventually to get a light-heavyweight title encounter with Joe Maxim. If Maxim whips Sugar Ray Robinson in their bout June 23 in New York, LaMotta is said to stand a good chance to get a shot at the title in September.

Buffalo Raceway at Hamburg, N. Y., will sponsor two \$10,000 added money stakes this season—the Buffalo Anniversary Trot and Geers Village Farm Pace.

TIDE TABLE

Table with columns for Time, High Water, Low Water, Height.

Yoshiro Shirai First Jap To Win World Boxing Title

Washington, (AP)—The fabulous rags to riches boxing tale of Yoshiro Shirai came to light Tuesday, a few hours after he won the flyweight championship of the world.

Shirai, who captured the crown in Tokyo Monday from Dado Marino of Hawaii, is the first Japanese to win a world title in the 3 years Japan has engaged in the sport.

Dr. Alvin Cahn of Chicago, Shirai's manager, knew at first sight when he saw Shirai working out in a Tokyo gym that he was potentially a future champion. He was boxing to support his family of nine, who had been made destitute by war-time bombings.

The National Boxing association told Tuesday how Dr. Cahn, a botanist working with the U. S. Army in Japan, wrote a lengthy letter to the association here asking for guidance on Shirai's future. His protege was not world famous then.

In his letter Cahn frankly told the commission "I am not a fight manager by profession but by a freak twist of fate, it is a crazy situation, but there it is." He went on: "I stumbled into a Japa-

nese gym in which many boxers were training. In this gym I found a boy who was trying to box instead of slug; he had a good defense and good footwork.

"After watching him I decided to try an experiment aimed at finding out what American training methods and American coaching technique would do to a Japanese boxer and selected this boy as my subject.

"Despite barriers of race, tradition, prejudice, war and language I was able to get my point across to him and he begged me to help him learn to box.

"His family had been made destitute by the bombing of Tokyo and when I took him over he was underfed, undernourished, almost without clothes.

"He was fighting seven to eight times a week to feed and support his parents, brothers and sisters, all nine of them living in two crowded rooms in a tenement.

"He took to my coaching like a duck to water—despite the fact that at the time we had not a single word in common. He now speaks English—and absorbed everything I gave him "on sight."

Advertisement for Sunny Brook Kentucky Blended Whiskey. Features a large image of a bottle and a glass, with text: 'Try it—you'll know why it's the WORLD'S LARGEST SELLING KENTUCKY BRAND'. Includes 'Cheerful as its Name' and 'OLD Sunny Brook BRAND'. At the bottom: 'KENTUCKY BLENDED WHISKEY • 86 PROOF • 65% GRAIN NEUTRAL SPIRITS • THE OLD SUNNY BROOK CO., LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY'.

Large advertisement for Blitz Weinhard beer. Features caricatures of several men and a bottle of beer. Text: '"Blitz Weinhard for us!" LIGHT...MILD...REFRESHING! Always say: "Blitz Weinhard for me!"' At the bottom: 'BLITZ WEINHARD COMPANY • PORTLAND, OREGON'.