



BACKSTOP INSTALLED—Andy Cole, 10-year-old Brandis Bantam Leaguer, is shown giving a few pointers to city employee Wally Donohue on the construction of a backstop on Kingston Field. The installation of the backstop, financed by the Little League and erected by the recreation department, will enable American Bantam League games and practices to be held on the field.

Growing fight center Term 'solar Plexus' started in Nevada

By Oscar Fraley
UPI Staff Writer

NEW YORK (UPI)—If a solar plexus punch lets either Sonny Liston or Floyd Patterson "bring home the bacon" in their heavyweight title bout at Las Vegas 10 days hence it merely will be boxing history repeating itself.

Both of those terms, which became part of our everyday language, were born as result of title fights held in Nevada.

Bob Fitzsimmons knocked out Jim Corbett at Carson City in 1897 to win the heavyweight title, swatting him the final blow in the body.

"What would you call the area where the punch landed?" a reporter asked a doctor sitting nearby.

"The solar plexus," replied the medic.

Thus was born the "solar plexus punch" which stands in ring history as the title of a breadbasket wallop which takes all the wind out of a man's sails.

At Goldfield, in September of 1906, Joe Gans was getting ready to make a lightweight defense against Battling Nelson. Nelson was established the favorite but, just before the bout, Gans received a wire from his mother in Baltimore which said:

"God bless you — and bring home the bacon."

Gans did, although there were subsequent rumors that Nelson wasn't in the best of shape and might have done a little "business" on the side.

Nevada's last heavyweight championship prior to this one was at Reno in 1910 when Jack Johnson ruined Jim Jeffries' comeback attempt with a 15-round kayo.

Back in the gas light days, Nevada's booming mining camps made such places as Goldfield, Reno and Carson City choice sites and one of the top referees was a badge-toting fellow named Wyatt Earp. Usually he carried his revolver in his back pocket, just in case the local gentry objected to his decision.

As boxing became legalized in greater population centers, Nevada fell by the wayside. But the glittering gambling mecca of Las Vegas, looking to lure more tourists who might spend their spare moments and spare money at the tables, has gone all out to once again make Nevada the capital of the boxing world.

Proof of this is the fact that this will be the city's ninth championship fight within little more than three years since Las Vegas opened its new Convention Center.

The ill-fated Benny (Kid) Paret beat Don Jordan for the welter crown there in March of 1960; Gene Fullmer battled Ray Robinson, Paret and Dick Tiger in the "come seven" capital; Emile Griffith defended the welter title against both Ralph Dupas and Jorge Fernandez, Carlos Ortiz won the lightweight mantle there from Joe Brown, and Willie Pastrano captured the light heavyweight crown from Harold Johnson.

Liston is a prime favorite to "bring home the bacon" against Patterson in their closed-circuit television fight. The odds are against Patterson and anybody who tries to beat the tables.

Public Links semis belong to youngsters

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (UPI)—One old man and three brash youngsters teed off in the 36-hole semifinals of the National Public Links golf tournament today.

With defending champion Dick Sikes already shunted to the sidelines.

The "old man" is Dante Vicini, a 49-year-old glass machine operator from Ottawa, Ill. The youngsters are Steve Opperman, 21, South San Francisco, who meets Vicini; Jerry Yuke, 20, Sacramento State student; and Bobby Lunn, San Francisco, aged 18.

Vicini knocked out the great Dick Sikes on the 19th hole of their match Thursday—and should play the favorite's role. But in 100-degree heat, the youngsters have the edge. And it's no doubt but what they have the confidence.

"I'm not surprised at getting this far," said the youthful Lunn. "I went to the quarter-finals in 1961 when I was 16. I came here this time to win."

Tiger On Road

Lunn never has won much around the San Francisco junior ranks. But he's a tiger away from home. In his match Thursday with 16-year-old Dan Scott of Seattle, he won on the 19th hole (par 5, 521-yards) by knocking in an 18-foot eagle putt.

Vicini had to go 19 holes to win over Sikes too—and instead of wilting in the heat, as he should have, he got stronger as the match went along.

Two down with two to go, Vicini actually stayed alive when Sikes' game went to pieces. The veteran, playing in his 11th National Public Links event, won the 17th and 18th holes with pars, against bogies for the defending champion.

And he won the match on the 19th with another par—against Sikes' third consecutive bogey.

Yuke Also Rallies

Yuke, son of a Chinese dentist, had to come back to win, too. One down going into the 17th, he won the next two holes with pars as Wayne Osborne ran out of gas. "I just got too tired," Osborne said. "I played six times a week at home, but not in heat like this."

It was 98 degrees—and getting hotter—when the second rounds were finished Thursday.

Opperman, assistant in a golf course pro shop, was one over par in disposing of Ed Castagneto of San Francisco, 4 and 3.

Palmer languishes 12 strokes back

Rodgers grabs British Open lead

LYTHAM-ST. ANNES, Eng. (UPI)—Jolly Phil Rodgers of La Jolla, Calif., and defending champion Arnold Palmer of Latrobe, Pa., faced different tasks today when 47 survivors marched out for the final 36 holes in the British Open golf championship.

Rodgers, riding in front where he said "I like to be," hoped to outlast Australia's Peter Thomson and countryman Jack Nicklaus, his closest rivals, in today's final two trips over the Royal Lytham and St. Annes course.

Palmer, a heavy favorite to win

this tournament for the third year in a row when it opened Wednesday, barely escaped elimination Thursday when he finished the second round 12 strokes off the lead. Not even Arnie's staunchest rooters thought he could pull this one off, but the Pennsylvania muscle-man promised to give it a try.

"Tell those guys at the front that 12 shots is nothing," he said with a wide grin. "Tell them to look out."

Then, in a more serious tone, Palmer offered the hope that

"maybe I'll hit the ball better today."

"I've sure got to pull out something to get even a mention," he added.

Way Over Par

The rugged Yank added a one-over 71 Thursday to his disastrous 76 in the opening round.

Rodgers, a brash ex-Marine, approached the final two rounds with supreme confidence.

"It doesn't bother me to be out in front," he declared. "That's where I like to be. I'd like to be leading at the halfway mark

of every tournament I play."

In Thursday's second round, Rodgers fired a two-under-par 68 for a 135 total. Thomson, who had a 67 in the opening round, tied Rodgers for the lead, added a 69 that dropped him one stroke off the pace.

Nicklaus, the burly U.S. Masters champion from Columbus, Ohio, charged into contention with a 67, the best score of the second round, to take over third place with a 138.

Kel Nagle of Australia followed with a 139 and Bob Charles, the

popular New Zealand southpaw, was fifth with a 140.

Four Yanks failed to make the 149 cutoff. They were Doug Sanders of Ojai, Calif. (75-75-150); Jack Isaacs of Langley Field, Va. (76-75-151); Herman Barron of White Plains, N.Y. (75-80-155), and Bob Marshall of Huntington Beach, Calif. (79-77-156).

The bookies revised their odds after the second round, installing Rodgers as the new favorite at 7-4. Thomson was 2-1, Nicklaus 3-1, Nagle 7-1 and Charles 10-1. Palmer didn't even get a call.

Maloney hurls record to 13-4 to tie Koufax

Strike for strike and win for win, Jim Maloney is a match for Sandy Koufax—and that's no baloney.

Big Sandy, the Los Angeles Dodgers' flame-thrower, holds the National League's season strikeout record of 269 and with a 14-3 record is well on his way toward a 25-victory season.

There's no inclination in Cincinnati to question Koufax's talents, but the good burghers of the Ohio city point with pride to the fact that Maloney's current 14-3 record matches Koufax's mark and that Jim has struck out proportionately more batters this season. Koufax has 150 strikeouts in 156 innings while Maloney has 129 in 123 innings.

A 6-foot, 2-inch, 200-pound right-hander from Fresno, Calif., Maloney won his 14th victory of the season Thursday night in beating the Chicago Cubs, 7-3, after the Reds dropped the 11-inning opener of the two-night doubleheader, 7-0.

Something of a hard-luck pitcher in previous seasons, Maloney's 1963 win total is only three short of his total victories in three other years with the Reds. At the moment, he's potentially the Reds' biggest winner since Bucky Walters posted 27 victories in 1939.

Reds Break Tie

Maloney yielded all the Cubs' runs in the sixth inning but the Reds broke a 3-3 tie with four runs in the eighth with the aid of a two-run double by rookie Pete Rose. Vada Pinson had two doubles and a single and drove in two runs for the Reds in the nightcap.

Dick Ellsworth pitched an eight-hitter and struck out eight in the opener, which the Cubs won with a parade of 13 batters to the plate in the 11th. A two-run double by Ken Hubbs, two defensive lapses by Charlie Neal and a two-run triple by Don Landrum keyed the big inning.

The Los Angeles Dodgers nipped the New York Mets, 4-3, the San Francisco Giants shaded the Philadelphia Phillies, 4-3, the Pittsburgh Pirates downed the Houston Astros, 3-0, and the Milwaukee Braves beat the St. Louis Cardinals, 5-3, after a 6-3 defeat in other National League games.

In the American League, the New York Yankees scored a 3-2 triumph over the Los Angeles Angels, the Chicago White Sox beat the Detroit Tigers, 6-3, the Boston Red Sox topped the Minnesota Twins, 2-0, the Cleveland Indians defeated the Kansas City Athletics, 8-6, and the Baltimore Orioles whipped the Washington Senators, 7-4.

Mets Lose Again

Don Drysdale yielded a pair of homers to Jesse Gonder but got his 11th win for the Dodgers on

the strength of a three-run fourth-inning rally and Ron Perranoski's sturdy close-out relief. The win was the fourth in a row for the Dodgers and the loss the 12th straight for the Mets.

Juan Marichal received credit for his 14th win against four defeats when Bob Bolin came to his rescue after Tony Gonzalez hit a triple and Roy Sivers homered in the ninth to close the Phillies' gap to one run. Willie McCovey

Major leagues

National League				
	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	52	33	.612	—
San Francisco	49	38	.563	4
St. Louis	47	39	.547	5 1/2
Chicago	46	39	.541	6
Cincinnati	47	41	.534	6 1/2
Milwaukee	44	41	.518	8
Pittsburgh	42	43	.494	10
Philadelphia	41	45	.477	11 1/2
Houston	34	55	.382	20
New York	29	57	.337	23 1/2

American League				
	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
New York	51	31	.622	—
Chicago	48	38	.558	5
Boston	46	37	.554	5 1/2
Baltimore	48	40	.545	6
Minnesota	45	40	.529	7 1/2
Cleveland	45	40	.529	7 1/2
Los Angeles	41	47	.466	13
Kansas City	36	47	.434	15 1/2
Detroit	35	48	.422	16 1/2
Washington	30	57	.345	23 1/2

hit his 24th homer and Jim Davenport had two RBI-singles to lead a 10-hit attack that dealt 10-game winner Ray Culp his seventh loss.

Don Cardwell pitched a two-hitter for the Pirates, who scored once in the fourth inning and added two insurance runs in the eighth on Donn Clendenon's two-run double. Dick Farrell suffered his seventh loss for the Colts.

Bill White's two-run homer and Dick Groat's double sparked the Cardinals' decisive five-run seventh-inning rally in their first game, but the Braves kayoed ex-teammate Lew Burdette in seven innings and took the nightcap behind Bob Shaw's nine-hitter. Lee Maye and Hank Aaron homered for the Braves.

MISS MOFFITT WINS

DUBLIN (UPI)—Billie Jean Moffitt of Los Angeles, beaten in the Wimbledon finals, reached the title round of the Irish tennis championships Thursday with a 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 victory over Tony Fretz of Harrisburg, Pa.

Miss Moffitt has a chance for a sweep when she teams with Carole Caldwell of Santa Monica, Calif., in the women's doubles and Jim McManus in the mixed doubles finals.

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Sports

Double bill this weekend

Legion club drops 6-5 tiff to Klamath Falls

Special to The Bulletin

KLAMATH FALLS — Bend's American Legion baseball nine dropped the first game of their current five-day, five-game road trip to the Klamath Falls Falcons here Wednesday night by a 6-5 score, according to a report forwarded to The Bulletin this morning by a parent of one of the team members.

According to the report, Bend was leading until the bottom of the ninth inning when Klamath Falls scored and earned the victory.

Bend was to have met Lebanon last night in a single encounter at the Willamette Valley city and is slated to do battle with the same Lebanon team again tonight.

This Saturday and Sunday, Bend's Legionnaires are scheduled to play two double-headers with a strong North Salem club to conclude the road trip. Bend lost a similar four-game stand against North Salem here two weeks ago.

Saturday's double-header starts at 2 p.m. while Sunday's twin-bill begins at 1 p.m.

Bend will play Klamath Falls at Klamath Falls again next Wednesday to finish out their regular season play.

Bend will meet a yet-to-be-decided team in the district play.

Maris surgery slated today

NEW YORK (UPI)—Home run king Roger Maris is slated to undergo minor surgery in Lenox Hill Hospital today and probably will be lost to the world championship New York Yankees for 10 days.

The operation, to be performed by Dr. John Donaldson of the hospital staff, is for a rectal fissure. Maris, who set a modern major league mark of 61 homers in 1961, has been sidelined several times previously this season for leg and back ailments.

A club spokesman said Maris, who is hitting .294 with 19 homers, will remain in the hospital five days. He is slated to rejoin the Yankees when they return from their current trip on July 19.

Young pro, old Dutch share lead

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (UPI)—Dutch Harrison and Harold Kneece, playing almost perfect golf on tricky greens, both took four-under-par 68s into the second round of the \$25,000 Hot Springs Open golf tournament today.

Trailing at 69 were Dave Hill, Bob Goalby, Dave Marr, Mike Souchak, Paul Bondeas, Tom Shaw and Jerry Edwards.

Harrison, in one of his rare tournament appearances since he left his hometown of Conway, Ark., and joined the tour in 1937, made his first pro appearance in his home state. Harrison said he had not played the course in eight years, but apparently had not forgotten anything as he hit every green and birdied five holes.

Kneece, 27, of Aiken, S.C., is shooting for his first tournament victory after losing leads in the final rounds of the Pensacola and Memphis events earlier this year. He birdied the last three holes for a fast 35-33.

George Bayer and Australian Bruce Crampton had 70s, along with Pete Fleming, the local champion, and Bill Krause of San Jose, Calif.

Defending champion Al Johnston was back at 72 along with Bo Winger, a former Hot Springs champion. Doug Ford, who won the Canadian Open last week, had a 73; Dow Finsterwald, currently sixth among money winners, had a 74, and Jacky Cupit, who lost the U.S. Open in a playoff, fell to a 78.

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Sternberg to receive fund

SEATTLE (UPI)—Any profits from the professional football exhibition game to be staged here Aug. 17 will be placed in a trust fund for injured pole vaulter Brian Sternberg, Greater Seattle, Inc., sponsor of the contests, said today.

A minimum of \$3,000 has been promised regardless of the financial outcome.

Sternberg is paralyzed from the neck down as the result of a trampoline accident suffered nine days ago.

The game will feature the Oakland Raiders and the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League. It will be played in the University of Washington Stadium.

Lowell E. Hunt, president of the civic promotion organization, said the fund will be used to aid Sternberg in the post-hospital phase of his recovery. Sternberg's parents have been advised that the university will assume the cost of his treatment at University Hospital.

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AFL looking at Seattle for team

SEATTLE (UPI)—A spokesman for Greater Seattle, Inc., announced Thursday that American Football League Commissioner Joe Foss will come to Seattle July 22 to discuss prospects for establishing a pro football team here.

Foss will speak at a luncheon of sportsmen during his one-day visit.

SIGNS WITH BULLET

BALTIMORE, Md. (UPI)—Ron Glaser, fourth highest scorer in Marquette history, signed a contract Thursday with the Baltimore Bullets of the National Basketball Association.

Glaser, 20, is a native of Seattle.

He was named to the team by coach Alvin Robertson.

Glaser will play for the Bullets during the 1963-64 season.

He will be joined by other new signings, including forward Ed Castagneto of San Francisco, 4 and 3.

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