

"What's the Matter With Young Feller's Arm?" Baseball Puzzle

CLEVELAND STAR MOUNDSMAN OUT OF GAME A MONTH

Strained Muscle of Boy Wonder Hurts Only When Fireball Hurlled—Manager Careful.

By GEORGE KIRKSEY (United Press Staff Correspondent.) NEW YORK, May 25.—(UP)—The biggest puzzle in baseball now are "What's the matter with Bob Feller's arm?" and "When will he pitch again?"

The 18-year-old Cleveland star was shagging flies in center field at Yankee stadium before the Indians-Yankee game when he was asked to answer the questions.

To question No. 1 Feller answered: "It's a strained muscle right here below the elbow on the underside."

"He took off his glove and gripped the underside of his forearm to show where it bothered him.

"But it doesn't hurt now," he said "It only hurts when I put a lot of stuff on the ball."

To question No. 2 he said: "I dunno when I'll pitch again. But I'll be in there again as soon as it's well, and I hope that's soon. This hot weather is helping it a lot."

It was a month ago today that Feller injured his arm pitching in the first inning against the St. Louis Browns. They made four runs off him in that inning, and then he blanked them for the next five innings, striking out 10 men over the entire six innings.

Feller didn't work again until May 15 in Boston. He walked the batter and Manager Steve O'Neill took him out. Feller pitched in batting practice the next day, and afterwards told O'Neill that his arm still hurt him. O'Neill's plans for Feller now are to let him rest his arm until it's had reasonable time—say a week or 10 days more—to heal. Then he'll try him out in batting practice to see if he can pitch without a pain. If he passes that test he may get a few innings of relief work before starting a game.

"We are not going to rush Feller," O'Neill said. "We are going to make sure he's all right before we give him any work. I won't even attempt to try his arm until we get back to Cleveland."

HOW THEY STAND

(By the Associated Press)

National	W.	L.	PC
Pittsburgh	19	9	.679
St. Louis	16	12	.571
New York	17	13	.562
Chicago	15	14	.517
Brooklyn	13	15	.464
Boston	12	15	.444
Philadelphia	11	16	.379
Cincinnati	10	17	.370

American	W.	L.	PC
New York	17	10	.630
Philadelphia	15	10	.600
Detroit	16	12	.571
Cleveland	12	11	.522
Boston	11	13	.458
Washington	13	16	.448
Chicago	11	15	.428
St. Louis	9	17	.346

Coast teams traveling.

OREGON VAULTER MISSES BIG TEST

EUGENE, Ore., May 25.—(AP)—The expected pole vaulter "bottle of the century" among southern California's Earl Meadows and Bill Sefton and Oregon's George Varoff will not be held at the Pacific coast conference track and field championships in Los Angeles this week end, Oregon deciding not to enter the meet because of final examinations.

Officials said the Websters would enter the N. C. A. A. competition in Berkeley, Calif., June 18 and 19, when the three pole vaulters may meet.

All three of them have cleared over 14 feet 6 inches this year, two southern California boys beating Varoff's world record.

SALE STARTS FOR BRADDOCK FIGHT

CHICAGO, May 25.—(AP)—Tickets for the world's heavyweight title bout June 22 at Comiskey park went on sale today as champion James J. Braddock confined his training routine to road work and challenger Joe Louis again donned gloves against several sparring partners.

Promoter Joe Foley said applications for seat reservations now total about \$400,000. Printers have turned out \$2,160 tickets, with a top price of \$27.50.

HARRINGTON WILL BE COACH JUNIOR HIGH ATHLETICS

Acheson Transferred to Senior High Staff—New Mentor Former Local Star

George Harrington, former Medford high star athlete and for the past four years an outstanding football and basketball player at Linfield college in the Northwest conference, was yesterday offered the Medford junior high school coaching position, E. H. Hedrick, city school superintendent, announced today.

At the same time, Eugene Acheson, for the past two years coach of junior high athletics, was transferred to the high school coaching staff of Bill Bowerman, at the latter's request. Acheson, according to Hedrick, will assist Head Coach Bowerman in football and basketball.

In addition to having charge of all junior high athletics, Harrington will teach physical education classes, vocations and mathematics, Hedrick said.

Following his graduation from Medford high school, the new coach entered Linfield college at McMinnville, where he was considered one of the greatest athletes ever to play for the Northwest conference school. He was a member of the varsity team three years, playing blocking quarterback, and was noted for his defensive ability. He was captain one year. He played four years of basketball, was captain three times and twice was named All-Northwest conference forward. He was also a member of the Linfield golf team four years, and won one letter in basketball.

In addition to his athletic activities, Harrington was president of the sophomore class at Linfield and was this year president of the student body. He held other important positions in extra-curricular activities.

Russ Acheson, last year at junior high, developed one of the finest basketball teams in the school's history. His squad was undefeated in over twenty games and was considered the top junior high quintet in the state. Most of his players will enter high school next fall.

Scores Yesterday

(By the Associated Press)

National
At Pittsburgh, 3; New York, 4.
At Cincinnati, 0; Brooklyn, 1.
At Chicago, 1; Boston, 2.
Only games scheduled.

American
At New York, 14; Cleveland, 6.
At Philadelphia, 5; St. Louis, 5.
At Boston, 9; Chicago, 5.
At Washington, 1; Detroit, 3.
Coast traveling.

HUBBELL RECORD IN CLOSE SQUEAK, YANKEES ON TOP

By BILL BONIE Associated Press Sports Writer.

A king who still rules through his throne tottered dangerously, and a gang of marauders once again threatening to rip apart the American league, furnished baseball's biggest news today.

The king is Carl Hubbell. The marauders are the Yankees, walk-away champions in the junior circuit last season, now with their team batting eye regained, back on top of the heap with a full game advantage over the Philadelphia Athletics, who dropped an 8-6 verdict to the Browns.

Hubbell, credited with the Giants' 4-3 defeat of the National league leading Pirates yesterday, thereby added the twenty-third pearl to his unbroken string of league triumphs. But the master faltered towards the end, gave up eight of the Bucs' 10 hits in the last four innings and had to be rescued in the last of the ninth by better Dick Coffman, who fanned Johnny Dickshot with two out and the bases loaded.

Through their victory, the Giants moved into a virtual tie with the second place and idle Cardinals. The Yanks, meanwhile, ousted the A's from the American league lead by battering the Indians into 14-0 submission.

For the fourth day in succession the Ruppert Rifles gave evidence they are no longer fooling. In four days they have won as many games, rolled up 24 runs, 10 homers and 10 RBIs. The only item they slipped up on yesterday, while Spurgeon Chandler was pitching a six hitter for his second straight shutout, was home runs. There wasn't a single four-bagger among their 16 hits, the first time in eight games they failed in that specialty.

Another streak ended in Washington where, though the Tigers beat the Senators, 3-1, Gerald Walker failed to hit for the first time since the start of the season. Roxie Lawson, six-foot right hander, hung up his seventh victory of the year, a total equalled only by the peerless Hubbell.

The Red Sox, with Jimmy Foss's homer and two doubles pacing a 14-hit attack that gave Veteran Rube Walberg his first win, jumped from seventh place to the head of the second division by trimming the White Sox, 9-5. The Browns were unable to come out of the cellar despite their 8-6 defeat of the A's, achieved principally by the heavy hitting of Harland Clift and the new relief pitcher, Jack Knott.

With Max Butcher allowing only six hits and one base on balls, the Dodgers hung up their first shutout of the season, by a 1-0 score over the Cincinnati Reds. The Rhine landers dropped into last place behind the idle Phillies.

In the other National league game Lou Fette and Tex Carleton both turned in six-hit efforts. Fette's fellow Bees made better use of their allotment, however, and Boston sent back the Cubs, 3-1.

Townsend Files Answer
SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—(UP)—Dr. Francis E. Townsend, founder of the Townsend old age pension movement, today filed an answer and demurred to a suit for an accounting and \$40,000 libel action brought against him by Edward J. Maguire, former California manager of the plan.

Pedestrian Killed
EUGENE, May 25.—(P)—A car struck and killed Mrs. H. L. Edmundson, 60, on the highway near Goshen, early yesterday. She apparently became confused and darted in front of the machine as she attempted to cross the road.

Marines to Be Shorter
SAN FRANCISCO.—(UP)—The United States marine corps announced lowering from 66 to 64 inches minimum height requirement for enlistment in the corps.

POLISH PALOOKA WINS MAT SETTO; BRITT TOO ROUGH

In one of the wildest and wooliest evenings ever perpetrated upon a huge crowd of raving mat maniacs, Alvin Britt and Joe Smolinski met in the main event last night at the Medford Armory, with Britt, for the second time in his local wrestling career, being disqualified. Referee Ray Frisbie produced one of his famous left-handed decisions to hand the match to the Polish Palooka after Alvin had lost all power of thought. He blasted Smolinski's arm over the ring rope four times and that was enough for Frisbie even though previous to that, Smolinski had high killed Britt with all the dirt in the book.

Proceedings started last night in fairly mild fashion, with Belcastro, Britt, Smolinski, Trout, Goodrich and Feeback tangling in a battle royal. Before it was over, chairs were being hurled in the ring, the cops were called, there were two battle royals in place of one, and blood was flowing profusely.

Sammy Feeback was the first wrestling gentleman to be eliminated from the ring, all five other huskies piling on him. Jimmie Goodrich followed in short order, and then the fun really began.

Smolinski and Belcastro, the two dirt boys, eyed each other and tore in, with Britt and Trout entertaining each other in a private set-to. During the fracas, Smolinski twice was hurled into the second row.

Previous to that, however, Feeback and Jimmie Goodrich had returned for their bout, with Goodrich winning in 15 seconds with a Boston crab to end things. Feeback being unable to come back for the second fall.

With Belcastro, Britt and Smolinski in the ring, the evening really got interesting. Britt and Smolinski ganged Pete, and if a man ever took a beating in his life, the Mad Italian from Weed certainly did. Finally Pete was pinned, after being battered around the ring until he was groggy. As he left the scene of battle he grabbed two chairs and heaved them at Britt, still in the ring, then climbed right back in and started all over again.

Referee Frisbie finally got him back outside the arena and city cops and Fred Erickson of the Medford boxing commission had to be called to force the raging Belcastro to the dressing room. He insisted he sit at the ring-side and watch proceedings, which was contrary to Erickson's idea of what a defeated grappler should do after getting defeated.

That left Smolinski and Britt as the lone remaining grapplers to meet in the main event.

Britt took the first fall with a series of arm breakers over his leg, forcing Smolinski to give up to save himself a broken kipper. Dirty Joe, using every underhanded tactic in the book, grabbed the second tumble with terrific body slams, in which he cracked Britt across the back with his knee as he slammed him to the canvas. Britt just did manage to recuperate in time for the third fall bell.

The end came after Smolinski had pulled hair, gouged eyes, pinched and punched-foul to the limit of human endurance. Throwing caution out of the window, Britt grabbed Smolinski's arm and snapped it over the ring rope. Referee Frisbie warned him, and Britt did it again. Once more Frisbie shook a finger under the champion's nose, and once more Britt broke Smolinski's arm over the rope. With a mighty heave, Britt again brought the Polish Palooka's arm down over the rope, and that was that.

Frisbie pushed Britt away from the groveling Smolinski and grabbed the latter's useless right arm, boasting it in token of victory. The crowd roared and ranted at the ref, but it was no use. Frisbie was living up to the letter of the law, and Smolinski was the victor.

Sailor Dick Trout, sometime during the fray, received a severe head cut but it didn't slow him up in the least. After about two minutes of legalized hayhem, Smolinski was pinned by all three, to be followed by Trout a moment later. That left only Britt and Belcastro remaining. In the dressing room, it was discovered that Trout couldn't continue in his scheduled match with Smolinski so Promoter Lillard sent Belcastro, Britt and Smolinski back into the ring in another battle royal, the last two men to meet in the main event. Previous to that, however, Feeback and Jimmie Goodrich had returned for their bout, with Goodrich win-

ANNUAL MEDFORD HANDICAP SHOOT COMING WEEK-END

The annual Medford handicap, staged by the Medford Gun club and governed under the rules of the Pacific International Trapshooting association, will take place next Saturday and Sunday with amateurs and professionals from all parts of the state competing for trophies and the \$200 in special purses and \$500 added money underwritten by the local shooting organization.

Among the events which will be completed for are the Medford handicap, 100 targets, 17 to 24 yards, with \$50 cash to the winner; the Mendocino trophy for amateur shooters in B class and lower; the Mail Tribune trophy for amateurs, placed in competition in 1930, and which carries with it a year's subscription to the Mail Tribune; Mayor Porter's Hundred, 100 16-yard targets, class shooting; and 80-bird handicap, 17 to 24 yards.

CORVALLIS HIGH COACH TO GRANT

PORTLAND, Ore., May 25.—(AP)—Update athletic coaches gained outstanding recognition of their records today with the appointment of mentors at two Portland high schools.

Orville ("Red") Bailey, former University of Oregon end under Dr. C. W. Spessard and Capt. John McGowan will head the football destinies of Grant high school next year.

James ("Mush") Torson, one-time star with Oregon State college, will coach the Grant Generals in basketball. Torson led Corvallis high school to the state hoop title in 1936.

Paul Warren of Roseburg will head the track coaching staff and assist Bailey in football.

The high school of Commerce gets Edward W. Warren of Beaverton as its track coach.

Wisconsin Coach a Dad
MADISON, Wis., May 25.—(AP)—A baby boy was born to Mrs. Harry A. Stuhldreher, wife of the athletic director and football coach of the University of Wisconsin, last night. Both mother and son were reported doing nicely. Hospital attaches said the baby weighed almost eight pounds.

Coigars Go South
PULLMAN, Wash., May 25.—(AP)—Washington State's northern division champion track and field team leaves tonight for Los Angeles and the annual Pacific coast conference meet Friday and Saturday.

BASSLER PICKED TO LEAD SEATTLE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—(AP)—Appointment of Harry Bassler, 40-year-old Seattle catcher, as manager of the Seattle Indians in the Pacific Coast league to replace Spencer Abbott was confirmed today by William H. Klepper, president of the club. Abbott was fired by Klepper Satur-

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SEALS TAKE LEAD TO FOOL SCRIBES

(By the Associated Press)

San Francisco's young Seals topped the Pacific Coast baseball league today much to the embarrassment of a small corps of California sports writers.

Last April, when Lefty O'Doul's gang was wondering what it felt like to win a training camp game, the courageous band of writers gazed into the crystal ball and predicted: "The Seals will probably end the 1937 season in no better than sixth place and most likely in the cellar."

In the last three weeks the Seals have won 17 of their 21 games. They measured the San Diego Padres, five out of seven; took six of seven from the wobbly Oaks and six out of seven from the Los Angeles Angels.

Tonight the Seals open another series against the Oakland Acons, who haven't won a series since 1928. Sacramento's Solons, who failed to impress in training but are now in second place right at the Seals' heels, play the strong Angels this week. The Mission Reds, cellar occupants, invade Portland and the Padres go to Seattle.

Salem Athlete Signs
SALEM, Ore., May 25.—(AP)—Dwight Aden, completing his career as an outfielder for Willamette university, said today he had signed a contract with the Boston Red Sox. He expects to join a Boston farm in the Middle Atlantic league after receiving his diploma.

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