

Louis Boasts Victory in Round; Braddock Silent on Battle Plan

BOMBER MUST WIN EARLY IF AT ALL, VIEW OF EXPERTS

Big Crowd And Profits Loom—Champion Seems Grouchy, Challenger Pleasant.

By ALAN GOULD
CHICAGO, June 19.—(AP)—The "battle of the scrapped contracts" involving heavyweight champion Jim Braddock and challenger Joe Louis, brings the latest upheaval in the boxing industry to a climax next Tuesday night, under the lights at south side Comiskey park.

The circumstances, the fanfare and the gladiators themselves represent a far cry from that gaudy affair in September, 1927, when Gene Tunney arose from the celebrated "long count" to best of the challenge of Jack Dempsey, but the current conference of pugilistic capital and labor looks like a highly profitable evening for all concerned.

Strange as it may seem, the Louis-Braddock match, with a prospective "gate" of \$750,000 and crowd of 80,000, may return nearly as much profit to its promoters as did that famous battle at Soldier field, where upwards of 100,000 cash customers contributed to the all-time record receipts of \$2,658,000.

KENOSHA, Wis., June 19.—(AP)—Joe Louis observed the first anniversary of his knockout defeat of Max Baer today with the very unwilling prediction he will smash all records for winning the most coveted and valuable prize for a monetary basis in sport.

Louis is a far different youngster from a year ago. He sits less and sleeps less. Also, he has learned to talk and to smile. A year ago, he was just a mean man. Today, he's a pleasant, young fellow.

GRAND BEACH, Mich., June 19.—(AP)—Just how James J. Braddock proposes to fight Joe Louis in their heavyweight title contest in Comiskey park, Chicago, next Tuesday night, remained a mystery today.

Usually Braddock relies upon a long, straight left to keep his man on the defensive while he swades in and punches away with his favorite weapon—a right hand bell—but the Irishman's tactics in recent drills indicate he may have other plans.

Jim virtually discarded his left hand safety valve to charge in and wage an aggressive two-fisted war against his five sparring partners. The champion has taken the initiative.

The champ flatly refused to pose for photographers, snarled at his attendants and otherwise made himself disagreeable.

His trainers hailed the sudden change with unconfined joy. They now feel Jimmy is in exactly the right mood to give the best account of himself against the hard hitting Louis next week.

CLAYBAUGH HITS BEAVERS TO WIN

OAKLAND, Cal., June 19.—(AP)—The lusty hitting of big Moose Claybaugh and Bill Radonits pitching gave the Portland Beavers a four to one victory over the Oakland baseball team today.

Radonits allowed only four hits. One was a bunt by Jimmy Hitchcock for a successful squeeze play scoring Gibson in the second.

Claybaugh connected with a triple and two singles, to drive Johnny Frederick over the plate three times.

Scores: R. H. E. Portland 4 9 1 Oakland 1 4 1 Radonits and Cronin; Olds and Baker.

SACRAMENTO, June 19.—(AP)—A home run by Joe Orango with the bases full in the ninth inning and the score tied, gave Sacramento a 7-3 victory here today over the Seattle Indians.

Scores: R. H. E. Seattle 3 7 0 Sacramento 7 8 1 Thurston, Horne, Pickrel and Pool; Schmidt and Franks.

LOS ANGELES, June 19.—(AP)—San Diego halted the winning spree of the Los Angeles Angels today before 7,500 baseball fans as today's game and the hometown brigade emerged winners by a 5 to 1 margin.

PITCHERS' BATTLE SCHEDULED TODAY IN LEAGUE GAME

Young Larry Pepper, currier-baller, has been definitely nominated by Manager Mike Balkovick of the Medford Craters to take the pitching mound against Ashland's brilliant left-hander, Bob Hardy, in the two clubs' Southern Oregon league baseball game at the high school turf field this afternoon. Opening pitch is slated for 2:30 sharp.

Because of Ashland's two straight victories over Glendale the past two weeks, accounted for by sensational hurling on the part of the lanky Hardy, the Lithians have been installed favorites to move above the 2000 mark while rapping the Craters for their sixth loss in seven ball games.

However, Manager Balkovick and the entire Crater team have turned their backs to the "invincibility" ballgame emanating from the Lithian camp, and expect to open fire with their heaviest offensive program of the year behind the hurling Larry Pepper.

Manager Balkovick assigned to the youthful righthander the task of halting the Lithians for two reasons; first, because Pepper is the lone Medford pitcher to hurl his team to a victory (against Roseburg two weeks ago) and second, because it is Pepper's turn to take the mound. The Crater skipper has been alternating Pepper and Ray Erickson on the hurling rubber.

Local baseball addicts are expecting one of the most sensational outings of the year, with all signs pointing toward a real, old-fashioned pitching duel. Hardy, developed in Ashland schools and this spring helping pitch Howard Hobson's University of Oregon Webfoots to the conference championship. He has turned down all offers however until he is graduated from college.

A southpaw with a sharp curve ball, blazing speed and good control, the 6 foot 3 inch Ashlander is figured the class of the circuit. Larry Pepper, on the other hand, is as yet comparatively untested in fast competition. Two years out of Talent high school, the youngster has showed remarkable improvement, and is now considered to possess the sweetest curve ball in the league. He has a high hard one to go with it, and Manager Balkovick is confident that he can play ball in the same league with Hardy or any other hurler in the setup.

Ashland packs the heavier punch at the plate, with three regulars socking over 200.—Ted Schopf, Arba Ager and Darrell Leavens. Cliff ("Chief") McLean, brilliant Indian catcher, is hitting .500 in two ball games, and Hardy, himself, has a mark of 400 in a couple of encounters.

Needed batting power will be added to the Craters today with the return to action of Duke Hankinson, out with a sprained ankle since clouting a homer against Roseburg two weeks ago; Russ Acheson, former Oregon State player; and Max Ruddock, a catcher or outfielder who has seen plenty of service in the Timber league.

Manager Balkovick said last night he might start Ruddock behind the bat, moving himself into the outfield. Balkovick is the only 300 hitter, the Craters boast. Dick Hoffman, club's leading batter, will be unable to play because of work hours.

Manager Leonard Hall of the Lithians announced his probable batting order yesterday. It will be Schopf, shortstop; Jack Balding, second base; Manager Hall, right field; McLean, catcher; Leavens, center field; Phil Keaton, left field; Arba Ager, third base; Leonard Patterson, first base; and Bob Hardy, pitcher.

The Craters will probably move to the plate in the following fashion: Dick Lewis, shortstop; Mal Shine, left field; Wally Ricketts, second base; Duke Hankinson, third base; Dick Sakraida, center field; Sully Knox or Russ Acheson, right field; Bob Smith, first base; Ruddock or Balkovick, catcher; and Pepper, pitcher. Balkovick said that Virgil Swanson, flashy outfielder, would start the game if he could arrange his work hours to be out.

Ray Erickson, hard-luck pitcher of the Medford hurling staff, will be on hand to relieve Pepper in case the latter weakens. Both pitchers are in excellent condition.

The battle this afternoon will be the next-to-last of the first-half schedule. Both teams are eliminated from the pennant race, although Ashland has a chance to grab off second place. Last time the two bitter rivals met was in Ashland May 16, with the Lithians getting the long end of a 7-3 count.

Other league games today will see the league-leading Crescent City Chinooks traveling to Glendale and the Grand Pass Merchants meeting the Roseburg Pirates at Roseburg.

GEHRIG, MEDWICK, LEADING BATSMEN

NEW YORK, June 19.—(AP)—The batting turnover was terrific on both sides of the big league front this week, with only the two leaders, Lou Gehrig and Ducky Medwick, escaping the virtually complete change in the pace setting groups.

Gehrig, collecting ten hits in 21 changes, headed his American League leading average to .394 and increased his pace-setting margin to 27 points over his nearest rival, as Beau Bell of the Browns climbed into second place with .367.

CUBS KEEP LEAD, GIANTS HUMBLER BY CELLAR REDS

CHICAGO, June 19.—(AP)—The Chicago Cubs clung tenaciously to the National League leadership today when Larry French pitched the Chicago team to a 2 to 1 victory over Philadelphia.

More than 11,000 fans saw French duel Wayne LaMaster in a pitchers' duel with each allowing four hits, but three of the Cub blows occurred in the same inning to give them both runs.

Score: R. H. E. Philadelphia 1 4 0 Chicago 2 4 0 LaMaster, Jorgens and Atwood; French and Hartnett.

CINCINNATI, June 19.—(AP)—The Reds combined Paul Derringer's three-hit pitching with a pair of home-runs today to whip the New York Giants, 4 to 2, and climb out of the National League cellar for the first time since May 24.

Score: R. H. E. New York 2 3 1 Cincinnati 4 6 1 Castelman and Mancuso; Derringer and Lombardi.

PITTSBURGH, June 19.—(AP)—Pat Freddy Fitzsimmons, cast off less than two weeks ago by the New York Giants, who are sorely in need of pitchers, turned in his second straight hurling victory for the Brooklyn Dodgers today, 4 to 3.

Score: R. H. E. Brooklyn 4 11 0 Pittsburgh 3 7 0 Fitzsimmons and Phelps; Swift, Weaver and Todd.

ST. LOUIS, June 19.—(AP)—Led by the heavy-hitting Joe Medwick, who drove in five runs, the St. Louis Cardinals snatched a 7 to 5 victory from the Boston Bees today with a dramatic ninth-inning finish after two were out.

Medwick was the hero. After two were out in the ninth, Jimmy Brown and Don Padgett singled. The Cardinals left fielder then smashed a homer against the scoreboard in left for three runs and the game.

Score: R. H. E. Boston 5 11 0 St. Louis 7 13 1 Fette, Turner and Lopez; Ryba, Harrell and Ogrodovakl.

SOFTBALL GAMES RESUME MONDAY

Champing at the bit after almost two weeks of forced inactivity because of rain and wet grounds, Medford's softball teams will make another attempt to move forward with their schedule tomorrow night under the lights at the high school field.

Lamparts will tangle with the Catholic Young Men and Fluhrers will meet the 20-30 club in Commercial league battles. First game will start at 7:45.

The six-club Service league will get under way Tuesday night with the Groceries meeting the Elks and Lions facing Copco. All Service league battles will follow games of the Commercial league on the twin turf diamonds. On dates when both Service and Commercial league teams see action, games will be played simultaneously on the two diamonds; otherwise Commercial league games will be played one at a time.

Following is the complete Service league first-half schedule, all games to start immediately following Commercial league encounters:

June 22—Groceries vs. Elks; Lions vs. Copco.
June 24—Post Office vs. Kiwanis; Groceries vs. Copco.
June 25—Post Office vs. Elks; Lions vs. Kiwanis.
June 29—Groceries vs. Post Office; Lions vs. Elks.
July 1—Kiwanis vs. Copco
July 2—Groceries vs. Kiwanis; Post Office vs. Lions.
July 8—Elks vs. Copco; Groceries vs. Lions.
July 2—Post Office vs. Copco; Elks vs. Kiwanis.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., June 19.—(AP)—Crip Polli, Montreal Royals right hander, pitched a no-hit, no-run game against Jersey City in an International league game today. Montreal won the game, 6-0.

WRESTLING MEDFORD ARMORY MONDAY NIGHT

Black Dragon vs. Pete Belcastro
Frankie Taylor vs. Monte LaDue
Frank Stojack vs. Dale Haddock

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WHITE SOX RALLY IN NINTH TO WIN, CUT YANKS LEAD

NEW YORK, June 19.—(AP)—The Chicago White Sox, snapping out of a four-game losing streak, beat the Yankee sluggers at their own game today with a pair of ninth-inning extra-base clouts that broke up a pitchers' duel for a 5 to 2 victory over the New Yorkers.

Rip Radcliffe's double sent across the first run in the ninth-inning splurge that enabled the Sox to come from behind and pull out the victory, but the payoff blow was Mike Kreevich's homer into the right field stands, with two mates aboard and two out.

That smash gave Thornton Lee his fourth victory of the year. The setback cut the Yanks' American league lead to one and a half games over second-place Detroit, while the White Sox remained another game and a half further back in third place. The victory was the Sox' first in their five starts on their current eastern swing.

Score: R. H. E. Chicago 5 9 0 New York 2 8 0 Lee, Brown and Sewell; Reana; Ruffing and Dickey, Shea.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—(AP)—Slim Monte Weaver hung up today his sixth pitching triumph when Washington defeated St. Louis, 2-1.

Score: R. H. E. St. Louis 1 7 0 Washington 2 7 0 Bonetti and Huffman; Weaver; Fischer and R. Ferrell.

PHILADELPHIA, June 19.—(AP)—Chet Laabs hit a home-run and triple today to drive in five runs and lead the Detroit Tigers to an 8-6 victory over the Athletics.

With Tigers two runs behind in the fifth, Laabs hit his circuit blow with two aboard to put Detroit in front, 6 to 5. In the ninth, after Bill Werber's sixth-inning single had tied the score, Laabs tripled with two mates on base for the winning runs.

Score: R. H. E. Detroit 8 13 2 Philadelphia 6 9 0 Lawson, Coffman and Tebbetta; Ross, Turberville, Nelson and Hayes.

Cleveland at Boston, postponed; wet grounds.

HUSKIES AND NAVY CREWS FAVORITES

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., June 19.—(AP)—The crews of seven college navies have been furloughing the Hudson for more than a week in final preparation for their big test of the year, the intercollegiate regatta here Tuesday.

Here's what's "hat in regard to the contestants: Washington still rules the river as far as records and training go. The Husky varsity fought off the challenge of the Jayvees in a test duel yesterday morning and is firmly established as the No. 1 boat.

Navy, the eastern favorite, is having trouble becoming accustomed to the four-mile grind of the varsity event. Coach Buck Walsh is not satisfied with the varsity eight, unplayed during the "sprint" season.

California, always a threat, has been ababy in recent workouts. At numbers 4, 5 and 7, it is a typical California eight—big, rangy, experienced—but the bow and stern look weak.

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EDWARDS STADIUM, Berkeley, Cal., June 19.—(UP)—University of Southern California won the National Collegiate Athletic association track and field championship here today but a lanky Negro boy won the acclaim of 15,000 fans who trooped into Edwards stadium.

The Negro boy was John Woodruff of Pittsburgh, whose giant strides dwarfed all competitors and carried him to a new N. C. A. A. 800-yard dash record of 1 minute, 50.3 seconds.

The Southern California team victory was not a surprise. It took 62 points to Stanford's 50, Ohio State's 28, Columbia's 21, Washington State's 20, Kansas Teachers' 17, Michigan's 16, Notre Dame's 15, and Wisconsin's 12.

The championship was not a new one for Troy. Five times before the Trojans have walked off with the N. C. A. A. team honors.

This year the pleasure of that victory was dulled only by the knowledge that the pole vault twins of Troy, Earle Meadows and Bill Sefton, co-holders of the world record at 14 feet 11 inches, did not pass the 15-foot ceiling.

Instead, a man whom coaches did not believe had a ghost of a chance because of a leg injury, George Veroff of Oregon, came through to defeat Meadows for second place, behind Sefton in the vaulting event.

Sefton set a new N. C. A. A. record of 14 feet 8 1/2 inches, to beat his old mark made in 1936 of 14 feet 1 1/2 inches.

BLACK DRAGON TO FACE BELCASTRO ON ARMORY CARD

There have been some pretty fair to middling grapple programs staged by Promoter Mack Lillard at the Medford armory since the first of the year, but none, by a long sight can compare to what the local impresario has on the books for tomorrow evening.

Featuring the great Black Dragon and Mad Italian Pete Belcastro in the main event, the entire card stacks up as the likeliest to produce mass hysteria since the immortal Frank Gotch ran out of opponents to whip and retired to his farm. Completing the all-star card will be Frankie Taylor, who grabbed a fall from Duke Chick last week, and Monte LaDue, the ferocious Frenchman, in the middle event; and Frank Stojack and Dale Haddock in the opener.

The Dragon-Belcastro embroglio is figured to be a pip. Since the hooded monster left here several months ago after an undefeated string of matches, the Mad Italian has been fouling and brutalizing all and sundry into defeat, last of which was the unmerciful beating of Joe Smolinski, the until-then very tough Polish Palooka. In the Dragon, however, Pete is fully expected to meet a guy who can give him all he asks for. Black Dragon's undefeated record speaks for itself, and local fans are bracing themselves for one of the most hectic evenings ever experienced in the Bartlett street barn of brutality.

Frankie Taylor, a clean wrestler, and Monte LaDue, who doesn't know what the word means, will face each other in the Australian system middle event, and although LaDue is

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considered a plenty mean Frenchman, Taylor has proved he can take care of himself in any company, clean or dirty.

Frank Stojack, ex-Washington State football all-American, and Dale Haddock, a 180-pound flash from Los Angeles, will open the program. Both are newcomers to southern Oregon.

The matches are listed on the official program of the Lions district convention to be held here tomorrow and Tuesday, and one of the largest crowds of the year is expected to pack the armory.

Helen Hicks Wins Women's Golf Title

CHICAGO, June 19.—(AP)—Helen Hicks of Hewlett, L. I., won the eighth annual women's western open golf tournament title today by de-

feating Beatrice Barrett of Minneapolis, 6 and 5, in the 36-hole final match at the Beverly country club.

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