

# Joe Must Score Early Knockout Or Lose By Decision Say Experts

## BETTER BOXING MAY AID CHAMP IN LONG BATTLE

Negro Has First Chance at Title in Many Years — Louis Rated 5 to 2 Favorite On Punching Power

### Weights Are Close

CHICAGO, June 22.—(AP)—James J. Braddock, the defending champion, scaled 197 pounds and Joe Louis, the negro challenger, tipped the beam at 197 1/4 pounds, shortly after noon today as they weighed in officially for their 15 round heavyweight championship match at Comiskey park tonight.

Perfect weather, clear and crisp, accompanied the final flurry of preparations.

By CHARLES DUNKLEY CHICAGO, June 22.—(AP)—Joe Louis, sleepy-eyed son of an Alabama cotton picker, gets his greatest opportunity tonight.

In a flood-lighted ring, pitched over second base at Comiskey park, Louis battles James J. Braddock, undefeated heavyweight champion of the world. Watching them will be a crowd that may go as high as 60,000 with gate receipts that may reach \$750,000.

It will be the first time that a negro has had the opportunity of winning the world heavyweight championship since Jack Johnson in 1910 battered the shell of James J. Jeffries into helplessness in Reno. It also will be the first "mixed match" involving the title since Jess Willard defeated Johnson in Havana 22 years ago.

The fight will be held in the heart of Chicago's black belt, populated by quarter million negroes. One thousand policemen will be on guard, 400 within the arena and 600 outside the park walls. Reserves will be held in readiness at nearby police stations.

Louis Heavy Favorite. For the first time, the heavyweight challenger goes into action favored to conquer the champion, Louis, on the strength of his dynamite-laden fists, is held 5 to 2 over Braddock. Despite his defeat by Max Baer, who knocked him out in 12 rounds and his unfavorable showing against Bob Pastor, who spotted him 20 pounds, Louis holds the inside track through the knockout power in his fists.

The fight is scheduled to go 15 rounds, or less. It may start any time between 7 and 9 p. m., central standard time, depending on weather, forecast fair. If rain threatens, the fight can start any time after 7 o'clock, with the probable start between 8:30 and 9 p. m.

The champion and challenger, fighting on percentage, also will share in the \$50,000 paid for motion picture rights and \$25,000 for motion picture contracts. Braddock will get 60 per cent of the total gate after taxes have been deducted and Louis 17 1/2 per cent.

Both men were ready to weigh in at noon today at the auditorium theater, and then hide out to await time to go to the battle ground. They must be there at 7 p. m. Braddock figures to scale 197, with Louis about 199.

Braddock, idle since he defeated Max Baer for the championship in 1935, is strictly the "underdog." Experts said either Louis would win by a quick knockout or Braddock would take down the decision, with a few rating him chances for a knockout victory.

The titleholder is conceded to be a better boxer than Louis. He has a better left hand for jabbing and is rated a superior ring general. The chances are that he'll keep out of the way of Louis' famous right, just as he circled away from Baer's Sunday punch.

Youngest Challenger. Louis is the youngest challenger in heavyweight history. At the age of 23 he was skyrocketed to fame just as fast as did Jack Dempsey when the Manassas Mauler started his famous knockout career. Dempsey was 24 years of age when he battered Willard to defeat in four rounds at Toledo in 1919.

There is no hope of a million dollar prize, dream of all promoters since Dempsey and Gene Tunney drew 104,934 spectators at Soldier Field 10 years ago. That battle drew \$2,458,660, the all-time record. Both Dempsey and Tunney, the two most colorful figures of all living champions, will be in the crowd tonight.

## Sport Graphs

Billy Hulén Says:

### Split Flag Race Gives Tailenders Renewal of Hope

It will be new life for all Southern Oregon league baseball teams following games of last Sunday, and especially in Medford, Glendale and Ashland where there is plenty of rejoicing. The first half pennant race ends on that date, and following one open Sunday—July 4—when most of the clubs take on outside teams, the six outfits swing into the second half of the schedule consisting of seven games.

It will be the first time within memory that the local circuit has split its season, and so far as this season goes, will probably be a lifeline, to fan and player interest, alike. Medford and Glendale, off to bad starts, would stand little chance in catching the fast-moving Crescent City Chinooks, and Ashland would be just about as bad off if the season were not divided.

Now however, all teams will start over again, the slate will be wiped clean, and with all second division clubs greatly strengthened, the season will play from new expectations are for one of the tightest and most thrilling stretch battles in years.

That sensational Crater win over Bub Hardy and the Ashland Lithians Sunday was, we none the less, an indicator for the brand of ball the men of Mike Bakewell will play from now on. Although close to the cellar with only two wins in seven starts, the locals have lost encounters that were heart-breaking to state it mildly. Out of seven games dropped by the Craters, two have been by one run, one scored in the ninth inning, two have been by the slim margin of two runs, and only in the season's opener at Grants Pass were the Craters beaten soundly.

Because of the new turf field at the high school, Medford has been forced to play five of its seven games on the road, and even with the Glendale Loggers moving here next Sunday in the first half windup, the Craters will have seen action here only three games out of eight in the first half. All of which is more than a slight handicap; performing before a home town crowd in one or more games might very well have meant the difference between a one or two run defeat and a victory.

The situation will be remedied starting with the second half July 11. The Craters will entertain Grants Pass on that date, and travel to Crescent City the following Sunday, after which the locals will be the host team in three out of five games. In other words, Medford will play four out of the seven games on the turf high school field, which has yet to see the Craters defeated.

If there was ever any doubt as to who was the best hitting first baseman in the loop, it was certainly erased by Medford's Bob Smith against the Lithians Sunday. The former Medford high football star and poetical University of Oregon half-back flash of this fall really showed the boys how the initial cushion should be played.

Smith may not be another George Sisler nor Hal Chase, but for a bush league national pastime, you would have to wear a telescope in each eye to discover a slacker in the first baseman. A southpaw and as limber as a rubber band, Smith came up with putouts on bad throws that the average semi-pro first sacker would probably never have seen, let alone touched. A couple of them were nothing short of amazing; low and wide slippers from Duke Hankinson at third base and right down there in the dirt. Bob simply stretched out until it seemed he would split vertically, got his left flipper out and that was that. He made them look easy when actually they were chances of the toughest sort.

His one weakness seems to be his throwing arm, which could be stronger. However, it isn't poor by any means, and will probably round into shape with some hot weather. We understand that Smith has been casting longing eyes toward a professional baseball career. He says he likes it even better than the pigskin business. Young as he is, and with plenty of proved ability, Smith should make good without much trouble, for he is a good hitter in addition to knowing the answers around the initial base.

### APOSTOLI-JONES FIGHT TO BE STAGED INDOORS

PORTLAND, June 22.—(AP)—Due to unfavorable weather predictions, the Freddie Apostoli-Tommy Jones bout will be staged in the Portland auditorium tonight rather than in the Multnomah stadium as scheduled.

The Portland boxing commission, at a special meeting, named Tom Louitt of Portland referee, denying the request of Larry White, manager of Apostoli, for a California arbiter.

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## DRAGON UNVEILED AFTER DEFEAT BY PETE BELCASTRO

For a few short seconds last night in the Medford armory, the hitherto undefeated Black Dragon stood unmasked, but so far as clearing up the mystery of the hooded grappler's identity, he might just as well have left his hand-covering in its place.

By virtue of two devastating hammerlocks, so painful they made the Dragon holler "uncle," mad Italian Pete Belcastro did the impossible and handed the masked one his first defeat in the Medford ring. And as per agreement, with that defeat off came the Dragon's mask.

Nobody recognized the man. He was a total stranger to the capacity crowd, and when asked his name as he was leaving the ring, he violently shook his head and continued to the dressing room, pulling the mask back over his head as he went.

It was a good match, with both wits leaping into each other with plenty of action. The Dragon called on his famous Boston crab hold to grab the first tumble in nine minutes, and Pete caused a mild ripple of excitement when he was able to answer the second-fall bell. Most of the Dragon's victims don't come back after receiving the crab.

Following the first fall, Belcastro, dirty as ever, started working on the Dragon's heavily-banded left arm, injured in Spokane several weeks ago. After much milling, slugging, kneeling in the groin and hair-pulling, the mad Italian finally clamped on a hammerlock and applied the pressure for several minutes, with the hooded one patting the mat in agony after 7 minutes and 8 seconds.

Belcastro wasted little time in continuing on the weakened arm. It took the villainous Italian only four minutes to end things, the payoff coming with another hammerlock that stretched the Dragon flat on his stomach with terrific pain. Bleeding profusely from a cut under the eye, Pete grabbed the Dragon's mask. The Dragon shoved him away but allowed Referee Ray Frisbie to remove the hood. For about ten seconds he stood revealed. He appeared to be about 35 years old, and wasn't bad looking as wrestlers go. Then he pulled his hood back over his head and clumped angrily to the dressing room.

Frankie Taylor, the huge, popular Californian, blasted Monte LaDue into submission in two out of three falls. Taylor took the first fall with a flying head scissor. With LaDue cowering outside the ropes after being driven there by an infuriated Taylor, who could stand just so much of the Frenchman's grit, Taylor shot through the air and caught the Frenchy around the cranium with his powerful legs, then tipped him back in the ring and applied a body press.

LaDue grabbed the second fall in the third round with a hammerlock, aided by plenty of rope leverage, but Taylor finished things in the next canto with his Missouri back-breaker. He hoisted LaDue high on his shoulders and bounced him up and down, then slammed him to the mat with resounding force. LaDue was all through for the evening.

Two newcomers, Frank Stojack and Dale Haddock, just about stole the show in the opening event. Haddock was billed as a cleanie, but actually turned out to be a villain of the first water. He roughed Stojack and took the first fall in the second round with a series of flying mares.

The ex-Washington State football star came back to wind up the match in the third round with a vicious attack. First, he bounded off the ropes and crashed Haddock to the carpet with one thundering scorpion-kick second, he flipped the meanie over his shoulder twice; third, he lashed out with a sensational dropkick that contacted Haddock squarely on the button; and fourth, he pressed his shoulders to the mat.

Haddock, after that short minute of concerted action on the part of Stojack, was utterly unable to come back for more grappling, and Frisbie awarded the match to Stojack, who appeared to have all the goods.

## WESLAND LEADS QUALIFYING PACK

TACOMA, June 22.—The experts figured it would take a score of 137 or better to win a qualifying place in the Pacific Northwest Amateur Golf tournament as Jack Westland of Seattle led the pack out to the first tee of the Tacoma Country and Golf club for the second and last 18-hole round of medal shooting.

Westland, former Washington state, Western and French amateur champion, and twice an American Walker Cup member, had a two-stroke lead at the outset, but he was hard pressed by a dozen other crack sharpshooters who had a chance to overtake him for several honors.

Wielding a straight-shooting putter, Westland yesterday knocked three strokes off par to lead the big field with a 69. He slipped on only one hole after collecting four birds.

## DATE WITH MISSIONS PROMISES SENATORS ADDED LEAGUE LEAD

(By the Associated Press.)

Three full games ahead of the procession in the Pacific Coast baseball league, the Solons' chances of being even further ahead at the end of the week were good today.

They are playing hosts to the league's most consistent losers—the San Francisco Missions.

Comfortably in the cellar where they have been almost constantly since the start of the season, the Reds have won but two series and both of them from the seventh place Oakland Aacorns who haven't won four out of seven this year.

The Reds could be a great help to their home town opponents, the second place San Francisco Seals, by taking the series from the Solons. But they would have to win six of the seven games and the Seals six out of seven from the Seattle Indians before the Seals could recapture the coveted first position.

Oakland entertains Los Angeles this week and the Portland Beavers invade San Diego.

## CRESCENT TEAM HIT BY STRIKES

Possibility that the powerful Crescent City ball team, Southern Oregon leaders, was on the verge of a crack-up, due to strike conditions in that city was seen today following receipt of a letter from Roy Deo, business manager.

Deo, who has built up a club that so far has been the class of the league, stated that many of his players had been laid off by the Hobbs Wall company, and as a result may have to leave Crescent City to find employment elsewhere.

However, Deo said, no matter what happens, the Chinooks would remain in the league. "This does not mean that we will not carry on," he wrote, "but if it does happen, we may be forced to use some boys who are not quite so good as we should have playing in the league. I am hoping for the best, however."

## MAPLE TO COACH AT WILLAMETTE

CORVALLIS, June 22.—(AP)—Howard Maple, coach of football sports here the past year, announced today his return to Willamette university as head coach of basketball and baseball and assistant to Roy S. "Spec" Keene in football.

Maple, who previously was an assistant football coach at Willamette, will report to his new post July 1. His salary was not announced. Keene, he reported, will devote full time to football and duties as director of athletics at Willamette.

Successor to Maple as freshman mentor at Oregon State college probably will be withheld until the next meeting of the intercollegiate athletic board.

## SPT-WEATHER-12 WEATHER HANDICAPS DIAMOND LAKE SPORT

DIAMOND LAKE, Ore., June 22.—(Sp.)—Weather during the past week has been cold and stormy, with the lake too rough most of the time for fishing. During periods of comparative calm a few fishermen have ventured out, most of them getting fish. There has been more stream fishing during the past week than at any time this season. Good catches have been reported, using both flies and bait, in Lake creek.

J. A. Perry and party arrived Sunday for a few days' visit at the lake.

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## SERVICE LEAGUE CATBALL GAMES STARTING TODAY

Games Tonight Commercial League Timber Products vs. H.U.M.R.S. Piche vs. Office Boys. Service League Gracetera vs. Elks. Lions vs. Copco.

Opening games of the six-team Service League will be played under the lights of the high school field tonight immediately following a pair of Commercial league softball games.

Timber Products and H.U.M.R.S. will tangle on one diamond while Piche and the Office Boys will meet on the other in the Commercial league, the games starting simultaneously at 7:45. At about 8:30, the four Service league clubs will take the field in the circuit's opening shots.

Last night saw Lamport's eke out an 8-7 win over the Catholic Young Men and Fluhrer's pound out a 10-8 victory over the 20-30 club in Commercial league games. Russ Acheson, playing for Fluhrer's hammered two triples in three trips to cop batting honors.

Scores: R H E Lamports 8 11 6 Catholic 7 6 8 Fluhrer's 10 16 3 20-30 8 11 4

## EX-MEDFORD PLAYERS WIN GAME FOR HILT

Alvin Merritt, former Medford pitcher now with Hilt of the Northern California league, tripled with two men aboard in the ninth inning to climax a five-run rally and give his team an 8-6 victory over the Weed town team in a league game at Hilt last Sunday.

Hooter Hafford and Donovan, both former Medford players, also had a hand in the victory. Hafford getting a three-bagger in the ninth to score two men and Donovan hitting a single to score Hafford.

Merritt pitched the entire game for Hilt. Score: R H E Weed 6 8 2 Hilt 8 10 2

## Oregon Athletes To Perform in L. A.

EUGENE, June 22.—(AP)—Two University of Oregon athletes, Leonard "Dutch" Holland and George Varoff, are among those expected to compete in the big team interconference track and field meet at Los Angeles Saturday.

Varoff, who has recovered from a leg injury which handicapped him this season, pole vaulted 14 feet, 4 1/2 inches at the N. C. A. A. meet at Berkeley, his best leap since he set a new indoor record of 14 feet, 4 1/2 inches at Boston last winter.

Holland made his best performance at the P. C. C. meet at Los Angeles, tossing the discus 163 feet, 3 inches.

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## Diz Turns Down Chance to Talk At Club Banquet

ST. LOUIS, June 22.—(AP)—Jerome Herman Dean, the loquacious St. Louis Cardinal pitcher, turned down a perfectly good opportunity to "pop off" in his best manner last night.

Dizzy was scheduled for an after-dinner speech before the Alton, Ill., Kiwanis club. It was his reported remarks before a Belleville, Ill., church group that led to his recent trouble with Ford Frick, president of the National league.

Of Diz just didn't show up at Alton. He could not be reached for a statement as to why he failed to appear.

## ADVENT OF SUMMER BRINGS NO BREAKUP OF PROLONGED RAIN

Southern Oregon's weather man greeted the official opening of summer yesterday, the longest day in the year, with a continuation of the three-week-old summer showers.

Yesterday, June 21, marks the summer solstice with more than fifteen hours of daylight. From this date, the days will gradually shorten. Weather bureau records show that although rain at this date has not been frequent over the past several years, it has occurred often enough so that the present wet spell is not classified as unusual by weather observers.

No immediate change in the weather was seen by weather officials this morning. Forecast was: Showers tonight and Wednesday; little change in temperature. Yesterday's high was 72 degrees and the minimum 56. Total June rainfall is reported as 1.56 inches, an excess of 1.01 inches. Seasonal deficiency has dropped to less than an inch, 90.

Damage by rain to strawberries and hay and grain crops is reported from all parts of the valley.

## BASEBALL STUDENTS LOSE TO PROSPECT

Although losing to Dewey Hill's Prospect Townies, 5-3, at Prospect Sunday, coaches Bill Bowerman and Russ Acheson of the baseball school team said it gave an excellent account of itself in its first game of the season.

Composed entirely of youngsters under 21 years of age, the locals turned in two double plays and fielded brilliantly at all times. Ray Lewis and George Gitzen formed the battery for the school outfit, while Dusenberry and Dewey Hill pitched and caught for the Prospectors.

## BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Greaser of 122 Almond street a boy weighing eight pounds and five ounces at the Coeopathic hospital Sunday, June 20. Mother and baby were reported doing splendidly today.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

## INVASION OF C.I.O. RAPPED BY STATE LEADER OF LABOR

Secretary Osborne Condemns Groups That Hold A. F. of L. Membership, But Support C.I.O. Tactics

MARSHFIELD, June 22.—(AP)—Ben T. Osborne, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, rapped the invasion of organized labor groups by the C.I.O., touched on the Bonneville power controversy and bid for cooperation between farm and labor forces in making his annual report to the federation convention here.

Osborne's report, and accusations that State Labor Commissioner Charles Gram had been lax in enforcing labor laws, marked the opening day's session Monday.

The secretary leveled criticism at labor groups which hold to their American Federation of Labor affiliation but openly support the C.I.O., terming it "bushwhacking tactics," and said the convention should not adjourn without pledging allegiance to the A. F. of L.

Favors Columbia Plan. He declared in favor of the Columbia authority plan of administering the Bonneville project and against the so-called switchboard rate, contending that the benefits should be made available to the public at the lowest possible cost. He advocated reserving a stated amount of Bonneville power for private utilities with provisions for withdrawing any amount necessary for public distribution.

Osborne urged the extension of cooperation between organized farm and labor groups, and acknowledged the help of the farm organizations in opposing anti-labor legislation.

The attack upon Gram came from the floor when an interim committee recommended that a resolution introduced last year providing more funds for the law enforcement work of the state labor department be referred to the incoming executive committee for action.

Waitress Protest. Agnes Quinn of the Portland Waitresses' Union asserted the report was an attempt to "whitewash Gram," and said it would have been "altogether different" if women workers had been allowed to meet with the committee.

She was supported by Gust Anderson, secretary of the Portland Central Labor council, and J. T. Marr of Portland, who asserted that failure to enforce the eight-hour law was one of the reasons state employees sought union membership.

The committee's report was turned over to Marr, who said he would listen to complaints against the state department today and draft a new report.

Gram, who served as president of the federation 34 years ago, was present but made no defense. He had previously addressed the convention, warning leaders not to "move swiftly" and urging them to forget personalities and personal ambitions. He departed resorting to strikes except when all measures had failed.

## Sam Baker Quits Bank Management

GRANTS PASS, June 22.—(AP)—Sam H. Baker, manager of the Grants Pass branch of the United States National bank of Portland, today announced his resignation. He will remain on the executive staff as adviser. T. P. Cramer, Jr., formerly of Grants Pass and until recently secretary of the Oregon Bankers' association, becomes local manager.

Baker came to Oregon in 1903, organizing and conducting the Citizens Bank of Grants Valley until 1910, when he came to Grants Pass.

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