

Joe Gordon, Bob Doerr Wage Hot Race For American Bat Lead

AVERAGE OF .380 GIVES EX-OREGON STAR SLIM EDGE

Doerr Hitting at .377 Clip—
Babe Phelps Tops National Batsmen With .373.

New York, June 2.—(AP)—Joe (Slim) Gordon of the New York Yankees and Bobby Doerr of the Boston Red Sox still are carrying on their private struggle for the batting leadership of the American league, but they are down now to a point where they can be seen with the naked eye by other prominent hitters.

The Yankee ace is on top today with a .380, bolstered by an 18-game hitting streak. Three points behind is the star second baseman of the Red Sox.

One of the most interesting aspects of the batting competition, however, is that Gordon (Babe) Phelps of the Pittsburgh Pirates has pulled into the National league lead with .373, thus bringing a representative of the senior circuit into proximity of the leading hitters of the American league for the first time in many weeks.

Lamanno Slumps
Phelps increased his average 46 points in the last week while Ray Lamanno, Cincinnati's rookie catcher who led previously, slumped from .366 to .319.

Pete Reiser of Brooklyn, the batting champ in the senior circuit last year, moved into second place with .343. A gain of 15 points.

The American league's 1941 champion, Ted Williams of Boston, also staged a big spurt during the week, soaring 30 points to a .340 percentage to rank sixth in his league, two points behind teammate Johnny Pesky.

BROOKLYN SIGNS DUCKS' WHITMAN

Eugene, June 2.—(AP)—Dick Whitman, star centerfielder for the University of Oregon during the past three years, has signed a professional baseball contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers of the National league and will report to Santa Barbara of the class "D" California State league within the week.

Whitman, who last week said he would sign with the National league champions if given a \$1500 bonus hopes to complete the current season before enlisting in either the navy or army. Figures regarding the contract were not disclosed before the Woodburn boy returned home. He was captain of the 1941 Oregon team and was the No. 2 hitter this season. Both of Coach Howard Hobson's teams won the northern division, Pacific Coast Conference championship.

Whitman was signed by Tom Downey, Brooklyn's Pacific coast scout.

TED JENNINGS IS BATTING LEADER

Los Angeles, June 2.—(AP)—Ted Jennings, San Francisco infielder, has taken over the Pacific Coast league batting leadership with an average of .361. He replaced Barney Olsen, slugging Los Angeles outfielder, who skidded 24 points to .351 and second place.

Johnny Moore, also of Los Angeles, holds the third spot with .348. Unofficial averages released today for games played through Sunday show Sacramento assuming team batting honors with a .278 figure. Los Angeles, last week's leader, is second with .273.

Fights Last Night

(By Associated Press)
New York—Charles (Lulu) Constantino, 128½, New York, outpointed Guillermo Punetos, 132½, Colombia, South America (8).

San Jose, Calif.—Henry Armstrong, 148, St. Louis, won by technical knockout over Johnny Taylor, 147, Oakland (4).

Chicago—Joe Maxin, 179, Cleveland, knocked out Charlie Roth, 191, Detroit (4).

Baltimore—Lou Transparenti, 123, Baltimore, outpointed Pedro Hernandez, 126, New York (10).

Ernie Explains "Forker"



Ernie Bonham, Yankee pitcher, formerly of the Pacific Coast league, who recently came through with his seventh triumph of the season, gives admirers a close-up of his "fork ball," the kind of pitch with which he forces batters to pop up. He's only issued five walks in seven games.

Jimmy Foxx Noncommittal On Surprise Sale To Chicago

By Bill King

Boston, June 2.—(AP)—The faintest shrug of the shoulders was the only reaction Jimmy Foxx, one of baseball's greatest moderns, exhibited when he experienced the most surprising shock in his 18 major league seasons—his sale to the Chicago Cubs by the Boston Red Sox after seven other clubs had waived him out of the American league.

"Well, it should be a very interesting experience," Foxx said when informed of his sale by Dom DiMaggio, his roommate and admiring friend, on his arrival here from Philadelphia last night.

"Chicago is a great city and I'll like playing for my old friend Jimmy Wilson and with such others as Stan Hack, Bill Nicholson, who was brought up in Chestertown, Md., only eight miles from Sudlersville, my birthplace, and Dom Dallesandro, who was with the Red Sox when I first came here in 1936."

"I really don't know much about the National league, for I never thought I ever would be in it," Foxx continued, "in fact being traded anywhere was a matter that never occurred to me."

The veteran first baseman was so positive about his status as a Red Soxer that he brought his 12-year-old son, James Emory, back with him for a brief visit. "Now we'll have to turn right around and head for Chicago, sonny," the father told his namesake and oldest offspring.

"I guess we'll like Chicago, dad," replied Junior.

AMERICAN LEAGUE ALTERS SCHEDULE

Chicago, June 2.—(AP)—The American league baseball schedule has been altered by President Will Harridge in an effort to reach, or surpass, the league's goal of \$375,000 for army and navy relief.

Four games have drawn only 37,991 fans and \$40,937.57. None was scheduled for Sunday, a holiday or night.

The revised plans set these three double-headers for Sunday, Aug. 23: St. Louis at Detroit, Boston at Philadelphia and Washington at New York. The Chicago-Cleveland game July 2 will be at night instead of afternoon and will be preceded by a twilight game between Lieut. Mickey Cochran's Great Lakes naval training station team and Chanute field, an air base at Rantoul, Ill.

TO OPEN ROAD BIDS
Salem, June 2.—(AP)—Bids on 17 state highway projects costing an estimated \$1,500,000 will be opened by the state highway commission in Portland Thursday. State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldeck said today.

MCDONALD TURNS BACK ON SAVOLDI AND ROOF FALLS

Sockeye Jack McDonald's solicitude for the welfare of Referee Earl Yoakley cost him his main event wrestling match with Jumpin' Joe Savoldi in the armory last night, and probably never again will the big ex-logger turn his back on a desperate opponent to care for a third party in the ring.

The falls stood one spiece after 10½ minutes of torrid mat-work when the roof fell in on McDonald. He just tossed Savoldi up and over the ropes and the pair were slugging toe to toe, separated by the hemp, when disaster struck, and not at Jumpin' Joe.

Yoakley, attempting to halt proceedings and get the brawl back on something resembling a legitimate basis, was clipped on the button by Savoldi. He sagged backwards and sat down and McDonald immediately ended hostilities with Savoldi to inquire into Yoakley's general health.

It wasn't so good, and as McDonald bent over to caress the spot on which Savoldi landed his wild clout the latter stormed back through the ropes and whacked Sockeye across the back of his neck, knocking him flat on his back. Savoldi then placed himself on top of McDonald.

When Yoakley awoke, some seconds later, the two grapplers were still in that position. Wearily the referee tolled off the three-count while the customers arched and ranted, and Savoldi's arm was lifted in token of victory.

Unhappy over the outcome, McDonald soared to his feet and the boys staged a short curtain call, with honors about even. It looks like a rematch.

Six minutes elapsed before Savoldi, rebounding off the ropes after some interesting fist-fighting, lashed out with a drop-kick that caught McDonald in the face and sent him to the carpet for the first tumble.

A mere half-minute later McDonald evened the score with a series of flips and a press.

George Craig, Camp White blacksmith, proved he had lost little of his ability which made him a big favorite here some six years ago by taking two out of three falls from cowboy Dude Chick in the middle event.

The deciding fall came in the fourth round when Craig, on top of Chick's shoulders and apparently about to become the victim of the lariat spin, grabbed the top strand of the ropes. This threw Chick off balance and he toppled over, with Craig on top, and that was the fall.

A body scissors and a press gave Chick the first fall in the second round, and Craig employed a body press to take the next tumble in the third heat.

Big Jim Corbett used sonnenbergs and a body press to take the lone fall of his opening match with Chief Thunderbird, the tumble coming in the fourth and final round, and Tex Cimer, a cantonment worker, grabbed one fall from Norval Stockstill of Talent with a body press, in the special event.

The British Empire, before the war, covered about one-fourth of the world's habitable surface.

Scores: R. H. E.
Grants Pass 0 3 2
Dorris 10 14 2

Martindale and Farthing; Carlstrom and Goldbar.
R. H. E.
Grants Pass 0 1 1
Dorris 7 13 2
Johnson and Farthing; Snyder and Goldbar.

SENATORS BLANKED BY VANCOUVER CAPS, 4-0

Vancouver, B. C., June 2.—(AP)—Don Osborn pitched his seventh straight win for Vancouver here last night as the Capitans shut out the Salem Senators, 4-0, in Western International baseball league play.

SLAVERY ALTERNATIVE
Pulman, Wash., June 2.—(AP)—If the principles of decency, self-respect and democracy are lost, then slavery comes to all of us," Dr. E. O. Holland, president of Washington State college, told 688 members of the 1942 graduating class at commencement exercises today.

Madeline Webb Convicted



Madeline Webb (right) leaves the Women's house of detention in New York to hear the jury's verdict. Shortly after this New York Daily Mirror picture was taken, she heard herself judged guilty in the murder of Mrs. Susan Flora Reich. The jury recommended mercy—which carries with it a sentence of life imprisonment.

HANK ARMSTRONG IN COMEBACK WIN

San Jose, Calif., June 2.—(AP)—Henry Armstrong, the hard-hitting little ex-world champion in three divisions, was past one milestone today on his comeback trail.

Without any real trouble he won a fourth-round technical knockout victory last night over Irish Johnny Taylor, a substitute for the Mexican southpaw, Cencillo Lozada, in a scheduled 10-rounder.

Armstrong, once feather, lightweight and welterweight champion, had been out of the ring for many months. He weighed 148. Taylor weighed 147. Lozada, the original opponent, was unable to fight because of an injury.

MARION COUNTY JAPS LEAVE FOR TULELAKE

Salem, June 2.—(AP)—A total of 244 Japanese from Marion and adjoining counties left Salem last night on a seven-car special train for Tulelake, Calif., where a new evacuation center has been constructed.

TRACK MARKS MAY BECOME OFFICIAL

San Francisco, June 2.—(AP)—Two of Cornelius Warmerdam's pole vaulting marks, and Harold Davis' 100-yard dash time of 9.4 seconds were headed today toward formal acceptance as world records.

The Pacific association of the A. A. U. last night approved Warmerdam's 15 feet 6¾-inch vault at Berkeley, and his more recent leap of 15 feet, 7¾ inches at Modesto.

Charley Hunter of the Pacific association will present them to the A. A. U. convention for approval, and eventually, to the international federation.

STANSBURY HONORED BY ASHLAND MASONS

Ashland, June 2.—(Spl.)—Phil H. Stansbury, worshipful master of Ashland Lodge A. F. & A. M., who has been called to the colors, was honor guest at a banquet Friday evening in the Masonic temple. Ray Frisbie, past master of Medford lodge, who has also been called, was present as one of the honored guests.

KELLY'S EXPENSE IN PRIMARY RACE LISTED AS \$735

Salem, June 2.—(AP)—E. J. Griffith, Portland democrat who lost his race for congress in the third district, spent \$1,500 in his campaign, while Rep. Robert S. Farrell, Jr., Portland republican unopposed for the nomination for secretary of state, spent \$767.05, expense statements filed in the state department showed today.

Other statements included: Clarence F. Hyde, Eugene democrat, for labor commissioner, \$111.76.

Earl A. Nott, McMinnville democrat, for congress, first district, \$222.60.

Charles H. Mack, Klamath Falls democrat, for congress, second district, \$672.39.

Thomas R. Mahoney, Port-

land democrat, for congress, third district, \$608.07.
Edward C. Kelly, Medford democrat, for congress, fourth district, \$735.95.
Marvin T. Warlick, Eugene democrat, for congress, fourth district, \$991.50.
Lee Jacobs, Klamath Falls democrat, for state representative from Klamath county, \$82.96.

BUS SERVICE CLUB IS PLANNED FOR SALEM

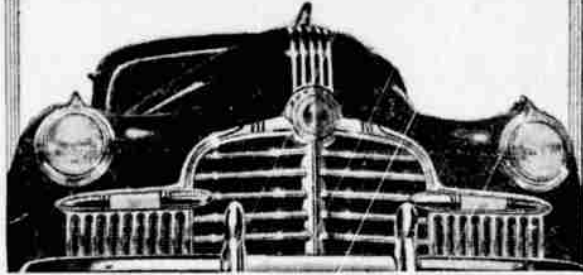
Salem, June 2.—(AP)—A club plan of bus service for Camp Adair workmen who live in Salem was approved last night by the transport committee of the chamber of commerce.

Workmen were invited to join the organization, named the Salem-Adair Defense club. The club would provide bus service in addition to the lines already operating.

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