

SPORTS

ST. LOUIS CLUBS IN FIRST PLACE AS JULY 4 PASSES

Hopes Strong for First Inter-City World Series—Cubs Leave Cellar

New York, July 5.—(U.P.)—The fourth of July has come and gone, and thus, according to the baseball adage, St. Louis is assured of its first inter-city world series.

The adage has it that the team in front through July 4 is the team to win the pennant and both St. Louis clubs passed that prophetic day at the top of their respective leagues.

The Browns' margin, considerably more precarious than the Cardinals', remained at a game and a half over the Boston Red Sox as they split a twin bill with the Philadelphia Athletics. Sig Jakucki continued his sensational brand of pitching by hurling his third shutout in four games to win the first game for St. Louis, 4-0. The ex-soldier has allowed but one run in his last 37 innings on the mound and that cost him a 1-0 decision with the New York Yankees. The "As" clouted three Brown pitchers for 13 hits in the nightcap, the longest of which was Frankie Hayes' two-run homer, to gain an 8-3 victory.

Boston and Detroit shared victories, the Tigers gaining a 4-3 edge in the first game. Boston bounced back to win the finale, 7-4, largely through the offensive efforts of Second Baseman Bobby Doerr, whose bat provided five runs during the game, three on his eighth homer.

The Cleveland Indians whittled the New York Yankees down to the .500 mark and

shoved them into fourth place by clipping them twice. The Yanks, who couldn't hit when it counted, left 10 men on the bases in each game and lost the first 3-1, the second, 7-2.

Washington and Chicago split the Senators taking the first game 2-0 on a splendid four-hit pitching performance by Johnny Niggeling. The nightcap went 12 innings before the White Sox emerged with a 3-2 triumph.

Cards Win Pair
The Cards stretched their National league lead to 10½ games, longest of the season, with two wins over New York. Four runs in the first inning provided the league champs with a working margin which they extended to win, 6-2, in the opener. The second game was hardly a contest, the Cards winning 9-1. Mort Cooper and Harry Brecheen were the victors.

The Chicago Cubs came out of the senior circuit's cellar for the first time since April 27, with a twin victory over the Boston Braves. The double loss, 7-1 and 4-2, dumped the Braves into the vacated eighth place.

Brooklyn's dismal Dodgers, without a victory on their current road trip, extended their losing streak to eight games by dropping a pair to the Cincinnati Reds. Gee Walker clouted a homer with the bases loaded in the fifth inning of the first game to account for a 6-2 margin. The nightcap went 10 innings before the Reds edged out a 2-1 triumph.

The Philadelphia Phillies and the Pittsburgh Pirates divided, the Phillies winning the first 3-2 and the Pirates the nightcap 4-9.

BOND MATCH DRAWS
Hollywood, July 5.—(U.P.)—Bring Crosby and Bruce McCormick beat Bob Hope and Johnny Dawson 2 and 1 yesterday in a \$1,000,000 war bond golf match at the Los Angeles country club.

More than 3,500 fans—golf and movie—paid in the million to see their favorites.

ROLL OFF LINE
Tulsa, Okla. —(U.P.)—Eight hundred Liberator bombers had been assembled in the Tulsa Douglas Aircraft Co. plant up to June 1, Maj. Robert L. Southwick, army procurement officer, announced recently.

WAGNER TO FACE CHAMP KATONEN THURSDAY NIGHT

"Gorgeous George" Wagner, the man of the plural dressing robes, who lost his Pacific coast light-heavyweight wrestling crown to Finnish Paavo Katonen some four months ago, gets another crack at that worthy in the armory Thursday night.

And, although Southpaw Katonen's title will not be on the block, Wagner is determined to turn the tables on the current champion and, with that as a talking point, demand a match for the bauble. Katonen has promised Promoter Mack Lillard he will defend his toga here before returning to California.

Katonen, 34 years old, will be returning to Medford after an absence of a month, during which he hung up an impressive string of victories in the northern part of the state. Katonen, born in Finland, turned professional wrestler at the age of 21 and six years later won the European middleweight championship, which he held for two years until growing into a light-heavyweight.

In 1941, Paavo copped the world's light-heavyweight title from Wild Red Berry in Hollywood, but lost it the next season when Billy Varga broke his leg with a toe-hold. He was inactive for some time, but after returning to the ring he grabbed the coast diadem from Wagner.

The pair will clash in the one-hour main event.

Two rowdies, Harold "Buck" Davidson and Jack Lipscomb, are scheduled to tangle in the four-round center attraction, while Billy McEuin and Herb Parke will stage a scientific match in the three-round opener.

PROUD OF HENS
Cleveland.—(U.P.)—E. W. Price of suburban North Royalton offered an egg to prove his contention that hens are going all out for the war. The egg measured four and one-half inches long and three and one-half inches wide.

"Heavenly Body" Here Sunday



Opening Sunday for a three-day program at the Craterian is "Heavenly Body" with William Powell and Hedy Lamarr.

Handsome Lee Oma To Face Lou Nova In Next Battle

By Jack Cuddy

United Press Staff Correspondent

New York, July 5.—(U.P.)—If handsome Lee Oma, the ribb's great sex-appeal slugger—Lee Oma—should become heavyweight champion of the world without having an eyebrow plucked by a hostile glove.

Oma, the "Russian Rocker," who resembles the late Rudolph Valentino—except that he has more oomph—grandiloquently accepted Lou Nova, the Yogi man, as his next opponent, to prove that beauty is more than skin deep.

Oma, of the glossy black hair, olive complexion and blonde-summoning teeth, will tangle with Nova at Detroit's Olympia on July 14. He eagerly accepted Nova as his opponent; but he was reluctant to return to Detroit, his home city, where he is regarded as an "ugly duckling"—despite his masculine beauty.

Oma, now 27 and apparently at the peak of his prowess, is regarded as an "ugly duckling" in Detroit because of early mistakes that he made in and out of the ring—mistakes that we will not enlarge upon at this writing. Suffice to say that since Larruping Lee left Detroit 14 months ago he has fought with such effectiveness that today he is the sixth ranking American heavyweight, in the ratings of the National Boxing association and the Ring magazine.

Handsome Oma, whose father and mother were born in Russia and who machine guns the Russian language himself, has fought 25 times under the colors of Manager Tex Sullivan, since his reformation. He lost only three bouts and won 22. Of these victories he is working on 19 in a row. He has kayoed 12 of these opponents, including Danny Cox, Larry Sealone, Johnny Denson, Herbert Marshall, Dusty Wilkerson and George Parks. He has outpointed such well known performers as Wallace Cross and Buddy Knox.

Tex Sullivan, former secretary to Heavyweight Champion Jim Braddock and Manager Joe Gould, says: "Managing Oma is a brand new experience for me. It isn't just a question of keeping him in shape and arranging matches—it's me against the women. Everywhere Oma goes, I have to fight the women off. Sometimes I wish some opponent would bash in his nose and spoil his perfect profile, and give him cauliflower ears. It would make things easier for me. At first, I was polite to the women; but I am no longer polite. Now I push them around which I don't like to do. Please do me a favor—tell the women that Oma is married—and not interested."

Electronic robots, used to measure the speed of motors in airplane wind tunnel tests at the General Electric Co. general engineering laboratory, read instruments more accurately than a man can and automatically record their readings on strips of paper.

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OAKS TAKE OVER TOP SPOT; BEVOS SPLIT WITH SUDS

By United Press

The Oakland Acons, until recently close contenders for the Pacific Coast league cellar championship, today held the leading league position following their sensational Fourth of July upset of the San Francisco Seals, 9-2 and 1-0, before 15,000 wildly excited fans.

The Sacramento Solons, still in last place, meanwhile continued to narrow their losing margin to 5½ games behind the new leaders as they copped a 3-2 and 2-1 victory over the San Diego Padres.

The Seattle Rainiers split a doubleheader with the Portland Beavers, taking the first game 3-1 and dropping the second 1-3. The Los Angeles Angels won their opener with the Hollywood Stars 3-0 and lost the nightcap 6-5.

Seattle scored its tallies in the opener in the fifth and sixth frames as Demoran, Rainier pitcher, allowed the Beavers but three hits. The Beavers got their lone tally in the sixth. In the nightcap, Submarine Ad Liska pitched for the Beavers, allowing eight hits.

Yesterday's line scores:
Seattle 3 5 1
Portland 1 3 3
Demoran and Lyman; Cohen, Federmyer and Campbell.
Seattle 1 8 2
Portland 3 5 0
Babich and Sueme; Liska and Adams.

HOW THEY STAND

Pacific Coast

	W.	L.	Pct.
Oakland	45	41	.523
San Francisco	45	42	.517
Seattle	44	43	.506
San Diego	46	44	.511
Portland	43	44	.494
Los Angeles	43	44	.494
Hollywood	44	45	.494
Sacramento	39	46	.459

PARK BURNS

Baltimore, Md., July 5.—(U.P.)—The Baltimore Orioles of the International league, prepared today to complete their home games at Baltimore's municipal stadium after their own park was destroyed yesterday by fire which wrought damage estimated at \$150,000.

GEORGIE DRUM IS HANDICAP WINNER

New York, July 5.—(U.P.)—Allen Drumheller's five-year-old Georgie Drum earned a place as one of the season's most dangerous handicap horses yesterday, holding off his foes in the final drive to capture the 16th running of the \$30,000 added Stars and Stripes handicap, Fourth of July spotlight event, at Arlington Park.

The gelded brown son of Black Forrest, which earned a purse of \$41,300, had bowed in both of his previous outings in the mid-west after shipping from Bay Meadows, but his gallant ride under Georgia Wolf proved that he is in his best form. Stepping a mile and an eighth in 1:49 4-5 and heading Equifox and Rounders, Georgie Drum paid \$8.60 for \$2.00.

CAPTURES TITLE

Sacramento, Calif., July 5.—(U.P.)—Five birdies collected in the first 36 holes by Ernie Pieper, Jr., San Jose amateur, stood him in good stead as he carded a one over par 73 on the final 18 last night to take the California State open title and a \$500 war bond prize with a 282 for the 72 hole tournament.

SERVICEMAN SETS DISTANCE RECORD

Fall River, Mass., July 5.—(U.P.)—U. S. Coastguardsman Clayton Farrar of New London, Conn., one of the nation's outstanding distance runners, today held a new record for the 15 kilometer distance.

Farrar, competing in the amateur athletic union race here yesterday, covered the distance, approximately nine and 3/4 miles, in 50.11 to crack the mark of 51:29 held by Lt. Joe McCluskey of New York. John Kelley of West Acton, who finished second to Farrar, also broke the old mark when he was clocked in 51:9 as did Army Sgt. Norman Bright, who was third in 51:23.

OLD PIN-UP

Minerva, O.—(U.P.)—The latest in pin-up girls is two-year-old Sondra Sue Houze of Minerva who was selected the pin-up girl of Co. 1020 at Camp Green Bay, Wis.

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