

SPORTS

BROWNS CAPTURE
TWIN BILL FROM
NATS, 2-1, 7-3

Increase Lead to Four and
Half Tilts as Other Con-
tenders Share Wins.

New York, July 31.—(U.P.)—The St. Louis Browns, in first place for all but 19 of the 104 days since the season began, staked themselves to a four and a half game margin today, the widest they have enjoyed since opening the American league campaign in April with a nine-game winning streak.

Dead serious over the prospects of their first pennant, the Browns are using every maxim in the baseball book to stay in front. They are fattening up at the expense of the weaker teams and are winning the close ones, coming from behind. They haven't had a losing streak of more than three games.

The Browns worked their technique to perfection yesterday, winning twice from the seventh-place Washington Senators, 2 to 1 and 7 to 3, while the other contenders were battling among themselves and splitting double bills.

New York and Detroit made 55 hits in their games, the Yanks winning the opener 10 to 2, with Hank Borowy getting his 13th triumph, while Hal Newhouser won his 16th for the Tigers in the second, 13 to 7. George Starnes, with four hits and two stolen bases, led the Yanks in the opener, while Dick Wakefield, with a homer, triple and single, paced the Tigers in the afterpiece.

Cleveland, tops in the league in team fielding, had a costly ninth inning lapse with four errors which gave Boston three runs and a 5 to 3 victory in the opener. The Indians came from behind themselves to win the second game, 3 to 2, on Manager Lou Boudreau's ninth-inning double.

The Philadelphia Athletics gained a split at Chicago, the White Sox taking the opener 6 to 4 to give Bill Dietrich his 13th victory, while Jesse Flores pitched a seven-hit shutout to hand the A's a 3 to 0 triumph in the nightcap.

The last-place Brooklyn Dodgers nearly accomplished a minor miracle in the National league, defeating the pennant-bound St. Louis Cardinals 10 to 4 before going down in 11 innings, 9 to 7.

The Chicago Cubs moved within half a game of fourth place, beating Philadelphia 4 to 2 and 11 to 2, to bring their winning streak to six.

Boston upset Pittsburgh 6 to 4 and 2 to 0, with Al Javery getting a two-hitter in the nightcap for his first victory since June 17.

Superior pitching by Rube Fischer prolonged the fling that is keeping Bucky Walters of Cincinnati from winning his 16th game, New York taking the opener 8 to 0. A six-run rally in the eighth sounded Walters' doom. Cincinnati retaliated by winning the afterpiece 9 to 3, with Frank McCormick batting in five runs on two homers and a double.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
PULLS MOST FANS

New York, July 31.—(U.P.)—Baseball fans are focusing their attention on the close American league race. Sunday attendance receipts indicated today, with a total of 167,817 fans going to games in junior circuit parks compared with a light turnout of 61,506 fans in the four National league cities.

The Detroit Tigers, playing host to the champion New York Yankees had the largest share of the 169,323 fans at Sunday games, with 47,936 on hand at Briggs stadium. It was the largest crowd of the season for Detroit. The league leading St. Louis Browns, as usual, had the smallest Sunday attendance in the American, 12,170 fans attending the games with Washington.

Montgomery and Jack Vie in war bond show

New York, July 31.—(U.P.)—Lightweight Champion Bob Montgomery and ex-Champ Beau Jack tangled at Madison Square Garden Friday night in a war-bond show that features this week's national boxing schedule.

This is the fourth encounter between the two negro soldiers. Admission to their 10-round non-title brawl can be gained only by the purchase of war bonds. Both principals have donated their services.

Plans Progress for Hawaii
Berth in Pro Grid Circuit

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Honolulu, July 31.—(U.P.)—Plans for a professional football team to represent Honolulu in a major pro grid circuit after the war are growing up under the hand of F. J. Brickner, who undoubtedly is a relative of that famous early bird but is confidently counting on obtaining quite a bit more for his work than an old tired worm.

As a matter of fact, Brickner—the man who put shoes on barefooted Hawaiian football players—is figuring out a long-range plan to have a top notch grid team representing Honolulu but would make its headquarters in California to beat the transportation problem.

"Then they could come back here at the end of the season for a grand finale on Dec. 7 against the best team the mainland has to offer in what we could call the Pearl Harbor bowl classic," Brickner said.

Brickner came to Honolulu in 1937, bringing with him all the showmanship and cagey gridiron savvy picked up while playing for Slip Madigan at St. Mary's.

He found the Hawaiian boys playing football in their bare toes. Long he argued the advantage of wearing leather on the feet but it was not until 1939 that he won his point in what you could call a biting victory.

At that time Brickner had imported a group of college all-stars to Hawaii and in the play-off game for the island championship, Brickner's star full-back bit the toe of Honolulu's fastest ball carrier in the pile-up on the goal line. From then on the islanders were converted to shoes.

As Brickner stares into his crystal sphere now, he figures to have his team participate in the mainland draft of college players, augmented by 10 to 12 of the best Hawaiian performers.

The team will make the swing of the mainland circuit, playing in most of the big football cities and returning to Honolulu in the latter part of the season to meet some of the leading mainland members of the league in the Honolulu stadium," Brickner figures hopefully.

SLATE DRAWN FOR
COAST GRID LOOP

Los Angeles, July 31.—(U.P.)—When the kickoff whistle blows for the Pacific Coast professional football league Oct. 1, Hollywood will be playing at San Diego, San Jose at San Francisco and Oakland at Los Angeles, the league announced today.

The league season will extend until Dec. 3 and a championship playoff will be held between the two top placing teams on Dec. 10. J. Rufus Klavans, league president, announced.

The schedule provides for each team to play five games at home and five away.

ANN CURTIS SETS
NEW 880 RECORD

San Francisco, July 31.—(U.P.)—For the first time in 15 years today an American girl held a new world swimming record.

She is broad-shouldered Ann Curtis who slashed eight seconds off the 880-yard free style mark last night in the Pacific Amateur association's western feminine meet.

Miss Curtis was clocked at 1:08.6, breaking the old mark of 1:16.6 set in 1937 by R. Hveger of Denmark at Stockholm.

Miss Curtis also won the 100-yard free style with a record of 1:11.7.

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MEDFORD OREGON

NAVY CLUB WHIPS
ALL-STARS, 12-7
BEFORE BIG CROWD

The U. S. Naval Air Station baseball club from Klamath Falls proved too tough for the Medford-Camp White league All-Stars at the fairgrounds park Sunday afternoon, hammering out a 12 to 7 victory before some 1,200 fans, largest of the season.

Franny Miller, former semi-pro southpaw from Everett, Wash., whiffed 14 All-Stars and held them to nine safeties. He had only two bad innings, the sixth and ninth, when the locals reached him for three tallies in each frame.

Ted Bergold, the little WPRC lefthander, worked eight and one-third frames for the All-Stars. He hurled shutout ball for the first four heats but tired in the later innings and finally, after walking three and hitting another in the ninth, had to be replaced by Don Safford, another southpaw. Steve Crippen, who was slated to pitch for the All-Stars, was called to Oakland, Calif., by the serious illness of his grandmother and was unable to return in time for the game.

It was a scoreless battle until the fifth, when the fliers got two runs on a walk, an error by Homer Sullivan and Fred Gay's bouncing double down the right field line. Three singles and a walk gave the visitors a couple more in the sixth for a 4 to 0 lead.

Dave Otte, big All-Star right-fielder, put his club momentarily back in the ball game with a three-run triple in the lower half of the sixth, after Bergold had tumbled to right-center and D'Ambrosio and Swanson had walked.

A hit-batsman and Miller's single gave the fliers another in the seventh, and they really led the affair with three more in the eighth on singles by Rittenour, Kickey, Gay and Swanson's double. That made it 8 to 3.

A walk to Wilkey, Pinch-Hitter Brocker's single and an infield out gave the All-Stars one tally in the eighth, but the fliers bounced back for four in the ninth. Three walks, a hit batsman and Averill's single did the trick.

Trailing by a 12 to 4 margin, the All-Stars rallied belatedly in the ninth for three runs, but they weren't enough. With two away, Gay dropped Safford's pop fly, and D'Ambrosio, Wilkey and Lange hit singles for the tallies.

Gay, with a double and single and three runs batted in, led the visitors at the plate. Harvey Storey went hitless in five trips, but made some nice fielding plays.

Otte hit a triple and drove in four All-Star tallies, while Lange got two solid blows and D'Ambrosio the same.

Score:
Navy 12 14 1
All-Stars 7 9 3

Miller and Rittenour; Bergold, Safford and Free, Brocker.

Pauline Betz Victor
Over Miss Osborne
In Seabright Meet

Seabright, N. M., July 31.—(U.P.)—Pauline Betz of Los Angeles today became an early favorite to defend her national women's tennis title successfully after brushing aside strong opposition to win the 56th annual Seabright tournament.

She won her finals match yesterday against Margaret Os-

borne, San Francisco star, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3, playing her best tennis of the tournament despite the fact that she was forced into an extra set for the first time.

Miss Osborne later gained a measure of consolation by teaming with Louise Brough of Beverly Hills, Cal., to win the doubles title from Miss Betz and Doris Hart of Miami, Fla., 6-2, 6-3. Miss Osborne and Miss Brough are national women's doubles champions.

The singles finals, Miss Osborne, serving and returning with furious speed, found the champion more than a match for her brilliance. Miss Betz, showing to best advantage defensively, scrambled after hard, well placed shots and returned them time after time to catch Miss Osborne off balance completely.

NEAR 6 MILLION
AMERICANS UPON
OVERSEA FRONTS

Washington, July 31.—(U.P.)—Nearly 6,000,000 U. S. fighting men are now contributing disaster to the enemy in overseas battle theaters, war and navy department statistics disclosed today.

The army revealed that more than 4,000,000 of its 7,000,000 officers and men—a force twice the AEF's strength in World War I—are now overseas. Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson has said the total will pass 5,000,000 by the end of this year.

Swelling the overall figure was the navy's recent announcement that 1,566,000 navy, marine corps and coast guard personnel, out of a total of 3,250,000, were afloat or on foreign duty as of June 1. In addition, as of the same date, another 900,000 navy men were in transit or training for sea or overseas duty.

Maj. Gen. C. P. Gross, army chief of transportation, disclosed also that while more than 4,000,000 men were being moved overseas in the 31 months from Pearl Harbor through June 30, more than 63,000,000 ship tons of supplies were being shipped for their use through 127 foreign ports.

Gross's report showed that the volume of army transport increased during the past year more than 100 per cent over any previous year. The European theater alone has received more than 18,000,000 ship tons of cargo, which is more than twice the 8,900,000 ship tons sent to the AEF in the last conflict.

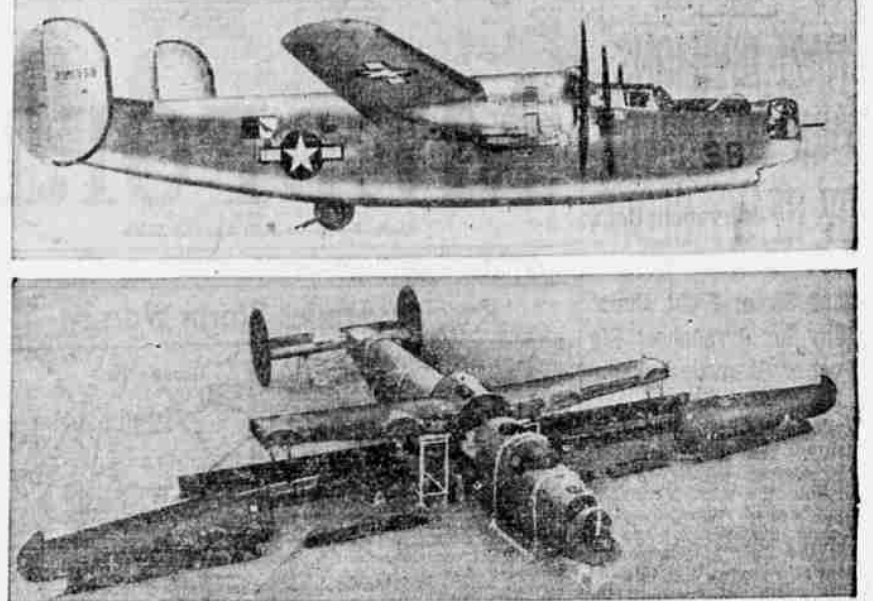
KATONEN TO FACE
KAISER THURSDAY

Clean wrestling at its very best will be seen in Thursday night's armory main event when Paavo Katonen, Pacific Coast light-heavyweight champion, trades grips with flashy Jack Kaiser of Vancouver, Wash., who, in the past five weeks of activity in Los Angeles, didn't lose a match.

Promoter Mack Lillard said that Tony Morelli would face Herb Parks, the Canadian light-heavy king, in the middle event. Opening the card will be Tex Porter and Pat (Rowdy) O'Dowdy.

California's canning and processing industry estimates that more than 70 per cent of the state's fruit pack and 53 per cent of the vegetable pack will be needed for the armed services and lend-lease this year.

Ford Meets 'Bomber An Hour' Goal



Record 'bomber an hour' production of the big, four-engine B-24 Liberator at Ford's Willow Run plant is due to fabrication and assembly techniques totally new to aircraft manufacture. In fact, automotive-type precision tooling has resulted in such uniformity of production that more than half of all Ford-built Libs are accepted for delivery on their maiden flight. Above, top, one of the 5000 Ford-built bomb blasters as it goes into battle. Note deadly guns in revolving nose and belly turrets. Below, how it's done... production break-down shows graphically before final mating of nose and aft fuselage, empenage, and three wing sections.

STABILIZATION OF
AG WAGES IS AIM
NEW STATE BOARD

A press release received by the labor committee of the Fruit Growers league reveals that responsibility for the wage stabilization in Oregon agriculture has been given to a wage board recommended by Dean Schoenfeld and appointed by Colonel Philip G. Bruton, director of labor, War Food Administration. The board is composed of the following members: Carl Izett, chairman, assistant state supervisor, Office of Distribution, W.F.A.; Wm. E. Kimsey, state labor commissioner; Verne F. Livesey, state director farm security administration; N. I. Nielsen, agricultural statistician, bureau of agricultural economics; E. L. Potter, department of agriculture economist; Corvallis; John Shepherd, vice chairman A.A.A. committee; E. L. Peterson, director of agriculture, state of Oregon.

This board has appointed Leo D. Hollenberg as executive officer with his office in Room 784, Pitcock Block in Portland. Field offices have been set up in Pendleton and Eugene. Chester Preston will do field work out of the Portland office.

Authority to stabilize agricultural wages was established under the anti-inflation act of October 2, 1942, according to Mr. Hollenberg, but was not exercised until 1943 when farm wages made the greatest rise ever recorded in a year's time, with the Pacific States 36% higher than in 1942 and 156% over the 1935-1939 average.

Thus far specific wage ceilings have been applied only to the harvesting of peas in Malheur County. California placed ceilings on the harvesting of asparagus, picking of canning tomatoes, picking of sun-dried grapes and the picking of cotton in 1943 and have several others

now operating in the 1944 crops. Florida put the entire citrus crop under ceiling last year.

Success in keeping wage rates at reasonable levels and in holding to a minimum the pilfering of workers among farmers was cited by the chairman as a strong factor in the expected extension of ceiling regulations to other crops and operations, particularly since the further extension of OPA ceiling prices to cover most of the commodities that farmers will have to sell makes it necessary that farmers protect themselves against any unreasonable rises in production costs, of which labor is often the largest item.

"Since it is the policy of the War Food Administration to prevent inflationary wage increases in agriculture, it is highly desirable that farmers take immediate steps to suggest ways and means of accomplishing this end," Hollenberg declared. "It is the wish of the WFA and the Oregon State Wage Board that farmer-groups within the state help develop and administer programs that will prevent agricultural wages from getting out of line."

Elaborating on the regulations that went into effect on January 17, 1944, Hollenberg said all agricultural wages above \$2400 per year are frozen, requiring WFA approval before increases can be made. Increases up to \$2400 at the rate of \$200 per month can be made without approval, he said, unless a specific wage or salary ceiling applying to the worker's job is in effect in the area where the worker is employed, in which case the worker can receive no more than the ceiling rate, which may amount to more or less than \$2400. Jurisdiction over salaries and wages in agriculture above \$3000 annually is vested in the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

WOULD BE A PLEASURE
Cambridge Mass.—(U.P.)—Calling at a Cambridge residence to pick up a package addressed to a woman in Oakland Cal., American Express Co. Driver Charles MacMillan was told, "Now if she isn't at home leave it with the family next door."

BOB FALKENBERG
NET MEET CHOICE

Kalamazoo, Mich., July 31.—(U.P.)—Pvt. Bob Falkenberg of Hollywood was the favorite today to defend his title successfully in the 29th annual junior tennis championships, with the schoolboy sensation from San Angelo, Tex., Bernard (Tut) Bartenzen, given the best chance to unseat him.

Falkenberg, stationed at Chautauque Field, Ill., is playing on a furlough, and was top seeded with Bartenzen, being placed number two in the brackets. Other Juniors who were seeded because of outstanding past performances were Herbert Flam of Beverly Hills, Cal., Ed Ray of Sinton, Tex., John Shea of Los Angeles, Ed McGrath of New York, Bob David of Chicago and Alan Watson of Short Hills, N. J.

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