

# Paddy Gets Narrow Win Over Manzo

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New York — (U.P.) — Former lightweight champion Paddy DeMarco of Brooklyn, heading downhill at 27 despite a victory over inexperienced Libby Manzo of New York, claimed today he "could have won easily."

DeMarco, who a year ago ruled the lightweight division, was awarded a majority 10-round decision over the virtually untested Manzo Monday night in a widely telecast bout at St. Nicholas arena. But Paddy, currently ranked fourth, showed little of his former class and was fortunate to get the nod as Manzo came on in the late rounds.

**Manzo Finishes Strong**  
Referee Harry Ebbetts, who gave the 25-year-old Manzo the last five rounds, called it a draw in rounds and points, awarding each fighter five rounds and five points. However, Judge Harold Barnes gave DeMarco five rounds to four and called one even, while Judge Joe Agnello scored it six to four in favor of DeMarco. It was Paddy's 69th triumph in 84 bouts.

In another Monday TV attraction Danny Giovannelli, a Brooklyn boxer making his first start of the year, scored a surprise fifth round TKO over Jimmy Martinez of Glendale, Ariz., at Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway arena.

# Northwest Loop Slates Study of C of I Situation

Portland — (U.P.) — The athletic situation at College of Idaho will be studied at a meeting of Northwest conference presidents here April 28, it was disclosed today.

Dr. Harry Dillin, president of Linfield college and chairman of the conference presidents' council, said the meeting was arranged some time ago. He said it "has been called for the purpose of discussing the position of athletics in the conference, with particular reference to College of Idaho and its techniques in student aid and recruiting."

Any action taken will be reported to the annual conference spring meeting May 21 at Walla Walla.

College of Idaho last week end announced that Sam Vokes, who coached the Coyotes to a co-title in football and an unbeaten conference basketball season, had not been given a new contract for next year, in what some called a de-emphasis move.

# Wisconsin Man Rolls 300 Game In ABC Tourney

Fort Wayne, Ind. — (U.P.) — Myron Erickson had two lifetime goals as a bowler until Monday.

Today he had only one: To win the singles championship of the American Bowling Congress tournament, the world series of keggers.

Erickson, 47, Racine, Wis., achieved Goal No. 1 when he entered bowling's "Hall of Fame" with a perfect 300 game in the third day of ABC competition.

His "dream" game, which bolted him from out of nowhere into third place among the singles leaders, was only the 14th achieved in 52 years of ABC tournaments.

Erickson shared the spotlight with Ed Gerzine, Milwaukee, Wis., who took over the singles lead on games of 225, 235 and 278 for a 728 total.

Charles Tacoma, of the Hauffer Surveyors club, Indianapolis, Ind., rolled a 687 series for the second highest three-game total thus far in the tourney.

# Dykes Rated 3 to 1 Favorite Over Rubicini

Miami Beach — (U.P.) — A rejuvenated Bobby Dykes goes against body-punching Gus Rubicini at the Auditorium tonight as a 3-1 favorite.

Dykes, the lanky, lazy-looking Texan who has made Miami his home, gained a new lease on a future in the fight game with an impressive recent victory over former welter king Kid Gavilan. But many said he shouldn't have signed to meet Rubicini so soon.

# Mickelson Blasts Long Homer in Squad Contest

Glendale, Calif. — (U.P.) — Manager Clay Hopper named Larry Ward and Glen Elliott to pitch for Portland today in an exhibition game against the Ford Ord Warriors, whom the Beavers edged 8-7 a week ago.

The beavers played an intrasquad game yesterday in which first baseman Ed Mickelson hit a 400 foot homer and veteran Red Adams threw seven innings of scoreless ball.

The national death rate in 1954 dropped to 9.2 per 1,000 of population, marking an all-time low.

# SPORTS



**BIRD'S EYE VIEW**—Looking down on first base at St. Petersburg, Fla., as Ken Boyer (14) of the St. Louis Cards crawls safely back to the bag. Leaping over him is New York Yankee Ed Robinson. Action was in fifth inning opening Grapefruit campaign. The Cards down the Yanks, 9-1.

# Sport Parade

By OSCAR FRALEY  
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New York — (U.P.) — The National League is shaping up today for one of the most wide open—and certainly most perplexing—seasons in its history.

In the American League it seems rather obvious that once again it will be a two-team scramble between the Cleveland Indians and the New York Yankees. Unless you believe Marty Marion of the Chicago White Sox and choose to regard it as a three-team race.

But in the National League there are three solid clubs, a dark horse which looks lighter all the time, and two teams which have the strength to keep the top clubs leveled off all the way.

The three who undoubtedly will be squabbling over the brass ring all the way are the New York Giants, Brooklyn Dodgers and Milwaukee Braves, not necessarily in that order. The Cardinals with a bit of help could make them all look sick, and the Cincinnati Reds and Philadelphia Phils will keep them all honest.

**Giants Could Repeat**  
At first glance it is difficult to see how any of the "big three" can win. But after long analysis you can make the best case for the Giants.

They took it all last year, the pennant and a surprise four straight over the Indians in the World Series, despite the fact that on the whole a number of the key Giants had bad years. This is a fact which may have been overlooked in all the cheering about Willie Mays, Johnny Antonelli, Ruben Gomez, Dusty Rhodes and relievers Marv Grissom and Hoyt Wilhelm.

Yet, actually, the Giants won despite the fact that Monte Irvin, Whitey Lockman, Davey Williams and Hank Thompson all had sub-par seasons. In retrospect you'd think that would be enough to sink them.

The Dodgers are an "if" club. There are questions concerning such as Jackie Robinson, Don Newcombe, Joe Black, Roy Campanella, Pee Wee Reese and left field. "If" they all start clicking there is a supposition they could walk off by themselves.

# Injuries Hurt Braves

The Braves supposedly have everything. One of their factors is a host of fine youngsters, but so have the Boy Scouts and they aren't given a chance to win the pennant. Last year injuries checked the Braves every time they started a run at the top. They'll face this again but, the way they are regarded in some quarters, their greatest deficit is a lack of fire. What they need is an aggressive, inspirational player such as Eddie Stanky.

# Bobo Olson May Fight In Portland This Year

Portland — (U.P.) — Promoter Tommy Moyer said today there was a 90 per cent chance that Middleweight Champion Carl (Bobo) Olson would fight here this summer. Moyer said Sid Flaherty, Olson's manager, had agreed to the Portland fight providing arrangements could be made to have the bout telecast nationally.

# First Division Goal Of New Solon Leader

(Editor's note: This is the 14th in a series on the 1955 prospects of the major league clubs.)

By E. H. PETERSEN  
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Orlando, Fla. — (U.P.) — Chuck Dressen believes his Washington Senators could finish in the first division, and if they do he will credit the manager he replaced, Buck Harris, with an assist.

Harris, who piloted the Senators to a sixth-place finish in 1954, then left to take over the Detroit Tigers, thinks Dressen is aiming too high and told the United Press that he was afraid "Chuck is due for a rude awakening in July or August."

"I put that UP story up on the bulletin board in the clubhouse and have been needing my players about it," Dressen said. "So far it's been quite a tonic and maybe it will be Bucky—not me—who will be in for a rude awakening in July or August when he sees us ahead of his Tigers."

**Shortstop is Problem**  
Dressen admitted, however, that he may be aiming "too high" because he has "a big shortstop problem," although his club is pretty well set elsewhere.

Right now, John Kline, who hit .319 at Birmingham last season, is the leading candidate for the shortstop post. He is ranked ahead of Jerry Snyder, who wound up at the position last season when Pete Runnels was shifted to second base. But Snyder hit only .234.

Runnels will be at second with Jeddie Yost, one of the best in the business despite his 1954 average of .256, at third. And Mickey Vernon, twice the American League batting champion, at first.

**Counting on Oravetz**  
When Vernon does play first, the outfield will be Sivers, Jim Busby, a fine defensive player and a .290 hitter, in center and Tom Umphlett in right.

Dressen is hoping that a rookie, Ernie Oravetz, who stands only 5-feet, 5-inches and weighs only 150 pounds, will make the team so he can play left when Sivers is used on first. Despite his small build, Oravetz has shown power. He is just out of military service.

Ed FitzGerald and the veteran Bruce Edwards, the former Dodger and Cub, will do the catching. Edwards played third base at Los Angeles last season.

**Porterfield Heads Pitchers**  
Bob Porterfield, who slipped to 13 victories last season after winning 22 in 1953, will be the No. 1 man on the pitching staff with holdovers Mickey McDermott (7-15), Camilo Pascual (4-7), Dean Stone (12-10), Johnny Schmitz (11-8) and Chuck Stobbs (11-11) other possible starters.

Frank Shea, who won only two games while losing nine last season, appears to be throwing better and Dressen plans to spot him as a starter and also use him in relief. Dressen also believes that rookie Ted Abernathy, a righthander just out of service, could become a starter. He is built and throws like Ewell Blackwell did in his

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—NINE

# Newcomers Slate Mat Appearances

Two newcomers will make their initial appearance on Mack Lillard's weekly wrestling card at Merrick's arena Saturday night.

They are Miss Shirley Winters, smooth-working middleweight title contender from Chicago, and "Champ" Thomas, who comes from Denver.

Miss Winters goes against Gerry Hunter, the blonde bomber, in the feature scrap, for 30 minutes or two out of three falls.

**Thomas-Davidson**  
Thomas tackles Harold "Buck" Davidson in the opener, down for 40 minutes or two falls out of three. Thomas is said to weigh about 190 pounds, is fast and an exceptionally good wrestler.

Cyclone Cobb, the big Negro trickster, and Yoggi Hussane, Turkish meanie, will have a chance to settle a dressing room hassle when they clash in the middle event, also for 40 minutes or the best of three falls. Hussane, irked over losing last week, tried to take it out on Cobb, and Lillard persuaded him to settle it in the ring. Cobb holds a decision over Hussane, won a foul when he was thrown from the ring.

Tickets are on sale at Rogue restaurant, 42 South Central ave.

prime.  
For the bullpen, Dressen expects help from three rookies—Bill Currie and Dick Hyde, up from Chattanooga, and another returning serviceman, Pedro Ramos. Currie won 16 last season.

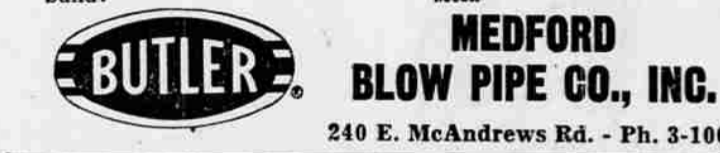


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