

Athletics Nab 3rd From Red Sox With Power, Pitching; Indians Down Nats in 17-Inning Thriller

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No one is calling them "Boudreau's Bombers" yet, but it was worth noticing today that the first five hitters in the Kansas City lineup have smashed 17 homers—as many as any other American League team has made altogether.

There is power in the top of that lineup—and not just Vic Power, either. He's the leadoff man with three homers, but look what comes after him. Bill Renz, hitting next, also has three homers then comes Jim Finigan with four, Gus Zernial with four and Bill Wilson with three.

And to make the joy run full cycle for Kansas City fans there's a home-grown sore-armed pitching castoff from the Cardinals, Cloyd Boyer, who hurled the A's to their third straight triumph, 6-2, over Boston Wednesday.

Boyer gave up three hits and received fine support from Renz, Zernial and Wilson who hit homers, Zernial's coming with two men on base.

Tied With White Sox
The only other crew with as many homers is the White Sox and they made eight of their 17 against Kansas City, seven in that 29-6 nightmare of last Saturday.

In a 17-inning thriller, longest in the majors since June 23 of last season, Cleveland downed Washington, 6-5, on a rally touched off by Joe Altobelli's double. Jim Hegan's sacrifice and two intentional passes, ordered by Nat Manager Charley Dresen, loaded the bases but Bobby Avila nullified the strategy with a game-winning sacrifice fly.

In other American League games the White Sox pounded out a 14-hit, 13-4 triumph over the Yankees and Detroit topped Baltimore, 11-3.

In the National League, Brooklyn topped Cincinnati 7-2 in a "walkathon" in which the Dodgers drew 13 passes and the Redlegs six. Milwaukee defeated the Giants 9-6, and Pittsburgh won from Chicago, 4-1, on Bob Purkey's four-hitter. St. Louis at

Philadelphia was postponed because of cold weather.

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New York 010 000 005—6 7 1
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Miner, Andre (4), Cohen (5), Amos (8) and Chitt, Purkey (1-1) and Shepard. Losing pitcher—Miner (2-1).

Cincinnati 010 001 000—2 2 3
Brooklyn 100 300 02x—7 7 2
Valentine, Podbielan (4), Klippstein (5), Hooper (7), Minarcin (8) and Bailey, Loes, Roebuck (8) and Campanella. Winning pitcher—Loes (3-1). Losing pitcher—Valentine (0-1).

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Ford, Sain (1), Byrne (5) and Berra, Howard (5), Trucks, Pierce (3) and Lollar. Winning pitcher—Pierce (1-0). Losing pitcher—Ford (3-1).

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SPORTS

Tag Team Championship Claimants Mix Saturday

Two tag team championship claimants will clash in the mixed tag team wrestling match headlining Saturday night's card at Merrick's arena here.

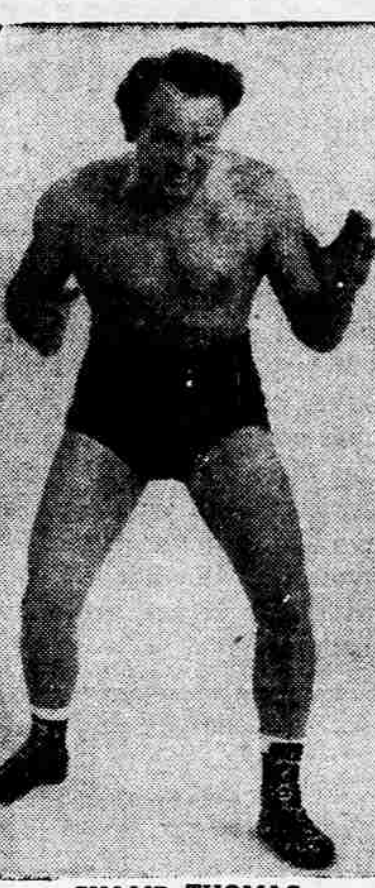
Champ Thomas, former Denver prizefighter who has met with exceptional success in the wrestling ring, and Bonnie Bartless, herself a former boxer, will team up against Yoggi Hussane and Gerry Hunter, both well-known to local mat bugs.

Thomas and Miss Bartlett claim the Rocky Mountain tag team championship while Hussane and Hunter claim the Texas championship. Whether Rocky Mountain or Texas wrestling, tag team syle, is the better will be settled in the 30-minute, two-out-of-three-fall match.

Promoter Mack Lillard said that under no conditions will a man be permitted to wrestle a woman. If a man tags his partner, the other man must promptly leave the ring and the women will wrestle, Lillard said. He added that the referee will be instructed to promptly disqualify a team who fails to obey that rule. Other than that, regular tag team rules will prevail.

Two other matches complete the program, to start at 8:30 p.m. Cyclone Cobb, a favorite with the local fans, returns after a week's absence to mix with Joe Hahn, Portland fireman, in the middle match. The opener sends newcomer Logger Porter of Washington against Larry Pressnell, Portland policeman. Porter is the big man who tangled with Hussane last week when Porter was introduced from the ring.

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



CHAMP THOMAS Teams With Bartlett

Need to Conserve Wildlife To Be Emphasized in Week of May 1-7

"America's leading sport is hunting and fishing," according to well-known sports caster Bill Stern.

This is right in line with the thoughts of public and private agencies who have set aside the week of May 1-7 as Oregon Conservation week. Governor Paterson has appointed key personnel around the state to head up this program.

The program is sponsored by the governor's committee on natural resources, and one of the members of this group is P. W. Schneider, state game director. The week is designed to focus attention on all of our national resources of which wildlife is an important segment.

Pointing up the importance of continued wildlife crops through wise use and management, Bill Stern's information continued, "Baseball drew 18 million paid customers in 1953, rodeos had 20 million, and horse racing pulled 30 million. Hunting and fishing outdrew them all with over 32 million hunters and fishermen buying licenses that year.

"Baseball equipment manufacturers sold 35 million dollars worth of goods, and golfers spent 80 million dollars on their sport. Hunters and fishermen made that look like small time deals by spending six billion dollars."

Game director Schneider commenting on conservation week stated, "With statistics like those compiled by Bill Stern plus the tremendous aesthetic value of wildlife, it should be apparent to everyone in the state that conservation week and the ideas being advanced are of major importance to Oregonians everywhere. Our renewable natural resources are the basis of life for present and future generations."

Champion Links Tourney Starts

Las Vegas, Nev. — (U.P.) — The world's most exclusive golf tournament got under way here today as firing started in the \$37,500 Tournament of Champions on Wilbur Clark's Desert Inn Country Club course.

With the winner of every major tournament in United States represented in the restricted field of 21 contestants, veterans Sam Snead and Dr. Gary Middlecoff held the position of co-favorites.

They were installed as 6-1 choices to win the first prize of \$10,000—something they both have failed to do in the two years the tournament has been held.

In both previous instances victory went to outsiders. In 1953, for the first tourney, top money went to Al Besselink. Last year it went to rank outsider Art Wall. Wall is back to defend his crown, but Besselink, who finished second last year, failed to win a major PGA-sponsored tournament this year and was not eligible to participate.

Six Teams Enter RV Baseball Loop

Ashland—Six teams definitely have entered the Rogue Valley League, semi-pro baseball circuit, President Bill Brown announced here.

The clubs are Ashland, Glendale, Camp White, Eagle Point, Butte Falls and Rogue River.

The season will open on May 29.

General Trout Fishing Season Will Open Saturday In Oregon

Fish Lake resort presently is closed. Proprietor Lloyd Morris reported today.

Trout angling season is scheduled to start Saturday at the lake but there is still six inches of ice on the lake and four feet of now at the resort, according to Morris.

He tried to get into the lake yesterday and couldn't make it. Morris advised no one else to try.

The resort operator said that he would report when conditions improve enough to permit access to the lake.

Another popular fishing spot, Squaw lake, is slated also for a Saturday season opening. However, Bert Harr, resort owner, also advised against fishermen trying to get into the lake for a few days. He said that some sunshine would be needed to melt snow and permit use of a road grader.

Portland — (U.P.) — A good portion of Oregon's 300,000 anglers are expected to take to the streams Saturday morning for the opening of the 1953 trout season.

All zones of the state open except most of the lakes, reservoirs and their tributaries within national forest boundaries in the Cascade mountains. Most of the latter are closed until May 28, according to the State Game Commission.

An exception is Wickiup reservoir which opens Saturday. Also opening this weekend are Ochoco, Detroit, McKay and Rock Creek reservoirs. Several other major lakes in national forests will open this weekend, including Blue, Crescent, Odell and Suttle in the Deschutes national forest and Fish Lake in the Rogue national forest.

(Ice and snow may prevent a Saturday opening at Fish Lake). General trout bag limit is 10 per day, not more than five of which may be 12 inches or over, and 20 fish in any seven consecutive days. Minimum length in zones 1 and parts of zones 3 and 4 is eight inches. Elsewhere it is six inches.

The commission's report: **SOUTHWEST:** Central coastal streams in good condition; Smith river high but clear; north fork Coquille high but clear above confluence with east fork and should be good; east fork and middle fork high and muddy; bait should be best; south fork Coquille high and murky; roads in Coquille area open.

South coastal streams should be fair; they are high and turbid; salmon fishing on lower Rogue improving. Fish and Squaw lakes in

Jackson county may not be accessible by road; all streams in Umpqua system high and turbid and forecast is poor; spring chinook fishing on lower Umpqua nil; unpaved roads in poor condition.

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Holman TKO Victor Over Ez Charles

Miami Beach, Fla. — (U.P.) — Kayo winner Johnny Holman, jubilant at his biggest victory, made plans for moving up the heavyweight ladder today while battered loser Ezzard Charles hollowly declared he still wants one more shot at the title.

Homan, a whopping 5-1 underdog, was losing when he suddenly unleashed a furious attack in the ninth round and technically knocked out Charles at 2:48 of that session.

Holman, who floored the former heavyweight champion for an eight count in the first round, dropped him again for nine in the ninth and had Charles reeling about, literally out on his feet in one of the worst whippings of his career, when Referee Eddie Coachman called a halt.

"We would like to match Johnny next against the winner of the Archie Moore-Nino Valdes bout in Las Vegas, or against Bob Baker of Pittsburgh," said Bernie Glickman, manager of the towering Chicagoan.

The sudden manner in which Charles caved in under Holman's late onslaught led many observers to believe he may never again be ready for a title chance.

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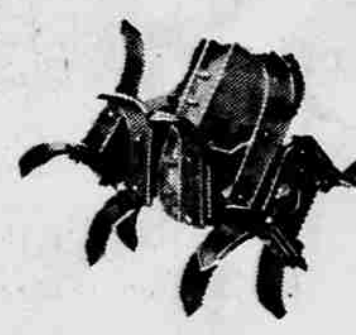
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