

Death Takes Babe Zaharias, Greatest of Women Athletes

Galveston, Tex.—(U.P.)—Babe Zaharias, the greatest woman athlete of modern times, died today, the loser in a heroic three-year bout with cancer.

The end came at 5:28 a.m. (P.D.T.) in John Sealy hospital, nearly six months to the day after the Babe entered it for the last time on March 29.

Dr. George A. W. Currie, hospital administrator, said that the Babe's husband, former wrestler George Zaharias, and two of the Babe's brothers and one of her sisters were at the bedside of the 42-year-old former Olympic champion and first lady of golf.

Funeral services will be held in Beaumont, Tex., where she grew up, at 4 p.m. Friday in Bethlehem Lutheran church. The body will then be taken to Houston for cremation, after which a private family burial service will be held, probably in Beaumont.

Two sisters were unable to be at her bedside. They are Mrs. Phillip Koch, Palisades, Calif., whose husband suffered a heart attack two weeks ago, and Mrs. Jean Wills, Morriston, Ariz., who also has illness in her family.

All Around Athlete

The long illness, which the Babe and her doctors once thought they had defeated after an operation for rectal cancer in 1933, caused the Babe to waste away from a husky 140-pound bundle of athletic perfection to well below 100 pounds at the end.

The trim, muscular Babe, born June 26, 1914 in Port Arthur, Tex., excelled in virtually every field of athletics she entered. She first astounded the world in track and field while still a teenager in the 1932 Olympics when she won two gold medals for the United States and was deprived of a third because of the "form" used in clearing the high jump cross bar.

Before that, she had won All-America honors as a basketball player on a Dallas insurance company team that was one of the best known in the country, the Golden Cyclones.

The great woman athlete died in her sleep, with her husband at her bedside. He cried, his hulking 315-pound frame shaking with sobs after the months of waiting.

"It had to come," he said, "and it was merciful. . . quiet and peaceful. She took her last breath peacefully, like, say, she took her first one. She just finished off."

"It's been a long fight and a hard one. The Babe fought so hard, the only way she knew how to fight, not just with her body but with her heart and mind."

George said at midnight the Babe stirred, blinked and smiled at him and said, "George I ain't gonna die." He said those were the last words she spoke.

"She went to sleep again then," he said. "She was worried about me because she could see I was so worried about her. Just Stopping Breathing."

"From then on she went down hill. Her breathing became weaker and more labored. Finally, she just stopped breathing. The game's all over now."

The Babe first took up track and field in 1930 and single handedly won the Women's National A.A.U. in Chicago for her team by winning five events and placing in two others for 30 points.

She was only 17 at the time. Babe began to take golf seriously in 1933 and she worked

diligently to perfect her game just as she had her track and field form.

It took her two years to develop herself into a champion, but from 1935 until finally driven from the fairways by cancer, she had no peer among the women golfers of the world.

She won 82 tournaments from 1935 to 1955, including all the

big ones and the Women's National Open three times. She became the first American to win the British Women's Amateur championship.

The Babe's golf game was on a par with most of the men pros as far as distance was concerned. It was nothing for her to belt 250-yard drives down the fairway.

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

Sport Parade
By OSCAR FRALEY
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New York — (U.P.) — To the sports world, Babe Didrikson Zaharias always will stand as one of the greatest fighters as well as the most superb all-around athlete of all time.

The Babe could do anything.

Ninth Grade Clubs Await Grid Battle

Medford ninth grade footballers today awaited the first of two "within the city" football encounters.

Hedrick and McLoughlin Junior high clubs meet at 3:30 p.m. Friday on the Hedrick turf. It will be the first game of the season for both ninth grade clubs and will be the inaugural scuffle on the new Hedrick field.

The clubs will be foes again Nov. 2 at McLoughlin.

McLoughlin's possible offensive starters tomorrow are Jerry Shultz and Richard Day, ends; Pat McLaughlin and Mike Woodridge, tackles; Jack Young and Jim Pool, guards; Ken Nelson, center, and Ray Konopasek, Lynn Knight, Curtis Saltmarsh and Skip Bennett, backs.

For defense the eleven man crew may be Reggie Breeze and Mike Johnson, ends; Bob Eckel, Gordon Pathman, Woodridge and Richard Reams, guards and tackles; McLoughlin and Bennett, linebackers, and Knight, Bob Hamilton and Ken Durkee, halfbacks.

Probable starters for Hedrick are Kelly Somers and Mike Parsons, ends; Douglas Kliever and Carl Sieg, tackles; Mike Reich and John Frohnmayer, guards; Gary Beach, center; Jerry Anderson, quarterback; Gary McGill, left half; Paul Moore, right halfback, and Don Cranston, fullback.

McLoughlin roster: Centers—Ken Nelson, Gordon Pathman, Tackles—Jack Shookmaker, Pat McLaughlin, Mike Woodridge, Richard Reams, Craig Robinson, David Ayer, Pete Balgo, Gary Miller, Sandy Uhlir, Ends—Jim Johnston, Jerry Shultz, Reggie Breeze, John Shaw, Mike Johnson, Bill Foster, John Niemeyer, Dick Orr, Richard Day, Guards—Jack Young, Bob Eckel, Jim Pool, Keith Borge, Dave Morris, Cliff Colner, Bob Baker, Jim Ragsdale, Dexter Slantforth, Jerry Selbach, Elgan Cook, Dave McCollum, Lanny Daugherty.

Right halfbacks—Lynn Knight, Bob Hamilton, Richard Champion, Terry Turron, Left halfbacks—Ken Durkee, Dick Hopkins, Gene Dalbec, Warren Horton, Quarterbacks—Ray Konopasek, Don McCurdy, Wayne Thompson, Fullbacks—Curtis Saltmarsh, Skip Bennett, Backfield—Dean Goddard.

Hedrick roster: Centers—Gary Beach, Niron Hall, Tackles—Dennis Jensen, Douglas Kliever, Carl Sieg, Jack Joyce, John Noria, George Lindemann, Bert Landemann, George Bennis, Guards—Mike Terry, Scott, John Frohnmayer, Robert Goodwin, Roy Jenkins, Roger Spaur, Jay Taylor, Lloyd Wright, Ends—Booth Deakins, Kelly Somers, Garlan Lowry, Leland Johnson, Gary Settel, Don Adams, Mike Parsons, Gordon Saffer, Backs—Jerry Anderson, Bob Criswell, Don Cranston, Gary McGill, Cal Summers, Paul Moore, Ken Johnson, Roy Daise, Leonard Griggs, Perry Whirlwick.

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL: Ninth grade—Sept. 28, McLoughlin at Hedrick, Oct. 5, McLoughlin at Crater, Hedrick at Grants Pass, Oct. 12, Hedrick at Ashland, Grants Pass at McLoughlin, Oct. 19, Crater at Hedrick, McLoughlin at Klamath Falls, Oct. 26, Ashland at McLoughlin, Klamath Falls at Hedrick, Nov. 2, Hedrick at McLoughlin.

Trout Fish Luck Should Be Good On Middle Rogue

Portland — (U.P.) — The Oregon State Game commission weekly report on fishing conditions:

SOUTHWEST: The Game commission has extended the North Umpqua angling closure below Winchester dam downstream to the head of Davis rapids. The added area will remain closed until after repairs to the dam have been completed.

Angling in the middle and upper Umpqua areas is very slow. Silvers are now in lower Umpqua river. Sea-run cutthroat are being taken in tidalwater areas of Umpqua and Smith rivers. Salmon angling is still fair at Coos Bay, and in Coquille river.

Steelhead fishing is good and improving in the Rogue river below Marial. Trout fishing is expected to be excellent over the week end throughout the middle section of the Rogue.



BABE ZAHARIUS
Cancer Claims Star Athlete

Judges Give Heavy Bout To Hurricane

By JACK CUDDY
United Press Sports Writer
Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson, the rock-and-roll flailer from Far Rockaway, N. Y., may be the 1957 heavyweight challenger despite the dispute over his repeat victory against big Bob Baker Wednesday night.

Before promoter Jim Norris flew to New York this morning, he said, "Jackson is very much in the picture as a prospective challenger next year."

The lanky, 25-year-old "Hurricane" won a split 12-round decision over Baker of Pittsburgh before 12,641 at chilly Forbes Field in their return bout Wednesday night.

But a poll of 13 ringside writers favored Baker, 9-4; many of the fans were thunder struck, and William (Dusty) Bettor, Baker's manager, declared, "I'm stunned. Bob won all by himself. No, I won't make any official protest. But I'm demanding another fight with Jackson."

Bruising Fight
It was a bruising fight—much better than their first one at Madison Square Garden last Feb. 3, when Jackson won a majority vote, in which two ring officials favored him but the other called it a draw.

Wednesday night Referee Ernie Sesto had Baker ahead on a rounds basis, 7-4-1. But Judge Al Grayber, favored Jackson, 6-4-2, and Judge George Lupinacci also favored the Hurricane, 8-4. The United Press had Baker in front, 7-5.

Jackson apparently won with his stronger finish. Each of the two judges gave him the last three rounds. However, the referee gave each of those sessions to Baker.

Indianapolis, Rochester Open Little Series
Rochester, N.Y.—(U.P.)—Rochester's Duke Markell will be pitted against Bud Daley or John Gray of Indianapolis as the 40th edition of the best-of-seven "Little World Series" gets under way here tonight.

The series is an annual event in which the play-off winners in the International league and American association meet. The Red Wings, representing the International league, will be out to avenge last year's loss to Minneapolis. The Association holds a 22-17 advantage up to this year.

The first three games of the series will be played in Rochester and the remaining tilts in Indianapolis.

Fans Deserting Brooklyn Nine In Hour of Need
Brooklyn, N.Y.—(U.P.)—Brooklyn's once far-famed "red hot" baseball fans seem to have deserted the Dodgers in the hour of their greatest need.

Virtually the whole country was supposed to be following every pitch of the Dodgers' last two games—and yet a total of only 23,031 of the faithful turned out in two days at Ebbets Field. There were 15,204 Tuesday night and 7,847 for Wednesday's game.

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League Leaders
(By United Press)
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Player & Club G. AB. R. H. P. Bat. Avg. Slugging Pct.
Mantle, N.Y. 147 328 131 187 354
Williams, Bos. 133 301 71 137 350
Maxwell, Det. 128 487 97 161 321
Ruern, Det. 124 379 92 181 320
Niemann, Balt. 128 428 63 137 320

Home Runs—Mantle, Yanks 51; Snider, Dodgers 41; Robinson, Redlegs 38; Adcock, Braves 37; Mays, Giants 26; Matthews, Braves 26; Post, Redlegs 26; Runs Batted In—Mantle, Yanks 127; Kaline, Tigers 124; Musial, Cards 109; Simpson, Athletics 106; Wertz, Indians 106.

Runs—Mantle, Yanks 131; Robinson, Redlegs 120; Snider, Dodgers 109; Aaron, Braves 106; Fox, White Sox 106. Hits—Aaron, Braves 194; Kluenn, Tigers 191; Fox, White Sox 189; Kaline, Tigers 189; Mantle, Yanks 187; Ashburn, Phils 187.

Pitching—Newcombe, Dodgers 28-7; Ford, Yanks 19-6; Freeman, Redlegs 13-5; Miller, Dodgers 12-5; Buhl, Braves 18-2.

BOWLING

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE
Morning Fresh Bread rolled into first place Wednesday night in the Commercial Bowling league by winning a 4 to 0 series from previous leader, Cubby's Driv-In. Jim Knopp took all individual honors with games of 221, 244 and 214 for a grand total of 679. Other individual 600 series were turned in by Ken Christianson at 603, Frank Knox 615, Andy Anderson 603 and Ray Wise at 611.

Standings: Morning Fresh Bread 14-6; Cubby's Driv-In 13-7; Star Mody Works 13-7; Alexander and Brown 12-8; Crater Lake Motors 11-9; Table Rock Lumber 10-10; Desert Lumber 8-12; Crater Electric 7-13; Quality Market 6-14; Bates Candy Co. 6-14; Mail Tribune 4-16.

Results: Cubby's 322, Jim Cahler 506; Mody 252, Joe Cahler 551; Brooks 463, Barry 534; (Absentee) 174, Shinn 520; (Absentee) 466, Spain 522.

Table Rock 3 Bates Candy 1 Sullivan 531, Dunick 510; Nelson 330, Weber 450; O'Connor 520, D. Weber 411; Schroeder 502, Garret 502; Dixon 483.

Quality Mkt. 3 C. L. Motors 1 Lubbers 500, Smith 573; Huston 551, Cannon 482; Klyer 455, Coleman 341; Henderson 407, Monroe 545; Wise 611, Farrar 553.

Star Body 31; Crater Const. 1; Bohannon 448, V. Allen 510; Christianson 603, Olson 519; D. Graham 552, Chapman 544; L. Graham 547, Clave 502; Patterson 497, Burroughs 482.

Crater Electric 2, Desert Lhr. 2; Knapp 323, Box 544; Dorff 499, Smith 528; McCormack 126, Liddell 432; Valley 325, Knox 412; H. Allen 536, Hanson 523.

A-B 3 Mail Tribune 1 Soer 516, Spaulhorst 541; Boone 327, Mathes 519; Guldian 481, Liddell 432; Berrey 345, Monsey 520; Knapp 679, Anderson 463.

CRATER LAKE LEAGUE
Ellis Market increased its lead in the Crater Lake bowling league by winning three games from Your Office Boys, while Desert service was losing four point to Barco supply. Harry Goode of the Prospect Shopping center had high series with a 575. Maynard Hadley of the Desert service turned in a 224 score for the high individual game.

Standings: Ellis Market 18-2; Desert Service 14-6; Prospect Shopping Center 14-6; Medford Post Office 12-8; Team Twelve 8-12; Shrine Club 12-8; Barco Supply 7-13; Haupt Tractor 7-13; Your Office Boy 7-13; Mechanics Laundry 5-15; O.K. Market 3-17; Medford Auto Upholstery 3-17.

Results: Ellis Market 3 Your Office Boy 1; B. Ellis 445, S. Cotton 476.

Detroit Tigers Announce Harris Quits as Manager

Detroit — (U.P.) — The Detroit Tigers announced today the resignation of Stanley T. (Bucky) Harris, their manager for the past two seasons.

The announcement revealed that Harris, who started his baseball career in 1916 and his Major League managerial career in 1924, had actually handed in his resignation Sept. 5, effective at the close of the season Sunday.

But Walter O. (Spike) Briggs held up the announcement until after the Tigers completed their home season Wednesday.

Harris came under fire in June and July as the club suffered numerous injuries and went into a losing streak that tied the previous club record.

When such players as Ray Boone, Harvey Kuenn and Al Kaline shook off their injuries and bruises, the Tigers started moving again and have won 15 of their last 19 and 25 out of 35 since Aug. 22.

Harris broke into baseball with Muskegon, Mich., in 1916.

He moved into the majors with Washington in 1924 by the late Clark Griffith. As the "boy manager" at 25 years of age, he's now 57, Harris led Washington to pennants in his first two years.

He managed the Senators through 1928, then came to Detroit for five years. After a year at Boston, he returned to Washington in 1935 and was there through 1942, never finishing higher than fifth. After managing the Phillies in 1943, he was at Buffalo as manager for the next two years.

The Yankees hired him in 1947 and the club won the pennant. But the next year the Yankees slipped to third under Harris and he was fired.

In 1949, Harris managed San Diego in the Pacific Coast league and Griffith rehired him as Washington manager from 1950 through 1954.

Davis Cup Draw Scheduled Today
Forest Hills, N.Y.—(U.P.)—The draw for opponents in the Italy vs United States Davis Cup tennis inter-zone matches was to be held today.

It was expected that Italy would name 23-year-old, colorful Nicola Pietrangeli and handsome, darkhaired Giuseppe Merlo as its singles players, with U.S. Captain Bill Talbot choosing his veterans, 33-year-old Vic Seixas of Philadelphia and 23-year-old Hamilton Richardson of Westfield, N.J.

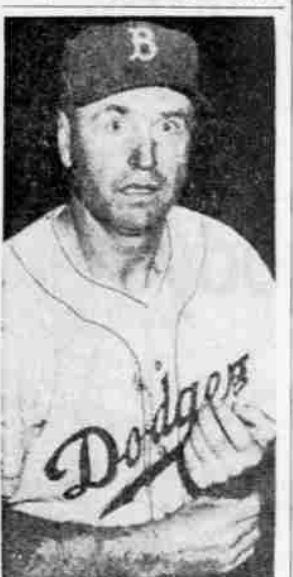
Akin as a trapper lineman in drills much this week. He may be in the SOC starting line-up in place of Chuck Romine. It was reported that Romine has been bothered somewhat by flu lately but that John Garrett's work against Humboldt and in practice has pretty well earned him a starting chance.

Dead line Sunday Classified to at noon Saturday, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

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CAUSE FOR GLOOM—A rather sad and dejected Walter Alston enters the Brooklyn Dodger dressing room in Pittsburgh after dropping the final game in their series to the Pirates, 6-5.

The Druses, a sect of Islam, accept no converts for fear of admitting spies. They live in the mountain fastness of Syria.

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