

Fairhaven Loses Nip-Tuck Contest

Ball and Chain and Fairhaven put up a nip and tuck battle in the Church league basketball games Wednesday night before the chain gang got the range and pulled to a 34-20 victory.

It wasn't until late in the third quarter that the winners managed to pull away after trailing by one point in the first half and barely holding an edge at the half. Woods was high for Ball and Chain with four buckets and three foul shots. Salisbury was tops for the losers with 10 points.

Algonia swamped the ill-fated DeMolay outfit, 41-21 in the middle game. The winners grabbed the lead almost at the start and kept pulling away.

Sharp and Eyestone tallied 11 counts each for Algonia and Sheehy and Walker added eight apiece. Bloom sank four baskets for the losers and Hastings made five points.

In a game that was close for the first half, the Christians pulled away in the home stretch to defeat the Squires, 32-22 in a rough and tumble battle.

Musselman scored 12 points for the Christians but he was close pressed by Leo and Jim Bocchi of the Squires with 11 and 10 respectively.

All managers were scheduled to hold an important meeting Thursday night.

In This Corner

NEW YORK, Feb. 8 (UP)—This is the story of two mysteriously ailing California clouters. Tuesday Fred Apostoli of San Francisco leaves Polytechnic hospital, a resort which acquired his patronage last Friday night when Mello Bettina of Beacon, N. Y. defeated him by a technical knockout in Madison Square Garden. When the fight was over Fred was a sick boy and his manager, Larry White, isn't taking any more chances with him.

Apostoli will stay in New York a couple of weeks after he leaves Polytechnic today, White said. Then he'll go home to Fresno. He won't fight for six months—if ever. If, after six months vacation, I figure he is ready for the ring again, I'll let him fight. If I don't think he's ready then, I'll retire him permanently.

The ending of his fight, when Referee Arthur Donovan refused to let Apostoli start the 13th round was almost as unexpected as when young Lou Nova, the other Californian in Monday's woodpile, suffered a similar technical kayo in the 14th round at Philadelphia last September in his bout with Tony Galento. Nova was the 2-1 and 3-1 betting favorite but he took the beating of his life and has been out of the picture since.

To ease the suspense comes a letter from Nova's manager, Ray Carlen, who assures us that his meal ticket will return to the ring in May, having survived a seven-week hospital visit which stems from a bit of blood poisoning he contracted in New York three years ago. The poisoning finally caused a bladder infection, Carlen says.

Fighting Days Over for Apostoli



Mello Bettina (upper right) lands a hard left to Fred Apostoli's head, early in their 15-round fight at Madison Square garden. Bettina won by a technical knockout after 12 rounds. Still exhausted from the terrific beating he took, the San Francisco bellhop, could still smile though his fighting career was ended. Apostoli also had a mild attack of la grippe.

Giants Troubled But Have Chance, Says Bill Terry

NEW YORK, Feb. 8 (AP)—The Giants are shot full of problems and "can't honestly be picked for the pennant" in the National league, said Manager Bill Terry today, but if they fit together this season, they will be right in the middle of the scramble.

The Memphis farmer and oil tycoon, so far he was wearing a sweater "because my vest got too tight," isn't kidding himself this year like he did last spring when he said his Giants looked like the best he ever had handled.

"I don't know where we'll finish," he drawled, "but I figure we'll be better than last year. The Cardinals are going to be tougher than the Reds. After that, it's anybody's horse race, and I think our pitching and our infield both will be better."

"I expect a lot of Hub (Carl Hubbell). In fact, I think he'll win 18 games, based on the way he finished last fall. He won 11 last year and was second in the league in earned run average."

"Five of my pitchers—Hub, Hal Schumacher, Cliff Melton, Harry Gumbert and Bill Lohrman—can step up there and take their regular turn. I'm going to try to give Melton a change of pace. That's all he needs, a good slow ball. Schumacher ought to win 15 games. We've got good relief. Looking at it that way, I don't think my pitching staff is so bad."

Sport Briefs

By EDDIE BRIETZ

NEW YORK, Feb. 8 (AP)—Larry White wants Fred Apostoli to visit the Mayo clinic for a thorough check-up, but Fred is being stubborn. . . . Bill Kern is on a 10-day safari through West Virginia and is the toast of every town he hits. . . . You'd be surprised at the number of fight men who give Arturo Godoy a chance to go the distance with Joe Louis tomorrow night. . . . This bureau picks Louis in five or six. Betting is even Godoy comes out for the sixth. . . . Tampa probably will be selected for the all-star major league game for the Finnish relief fund, March 17. . . . Next western coach to be lured east may be Jimmy Aiken who turned in a smart job for Nevada U. last season.

ONE MINUTE INTERVIEW

Jack Ryder, Boston track coach, "I still think Cunningham is the most likely 'four minute mile' of the present crop. . . . His difficulty lies with lack of work, not his age."

Taisto Maki, the Finnish runner, is nuts about our orange juice and swing music. . . . John Morley, the Youngstown veteran, will be named greenkeeper of the year by the Greenkeeping Superintendents' association tonight. These unsung heroes of golf are here for their convention 1000 strong. . . . Walter St. Denis, ace press agent for Mike Jacobs wasn't in Miami 48 hours until he had talked the dog tracks into closing up shop for the Conn-Lesnevich flatcuffs, Feb. 28. . . .

TODAY'S GUEST STAR

Jim Bohart, Fayetteville (Ark.) Northwest Times: "Coach Fred C. Thomsen of Arkansas believes the government should compensate mentors who teach football players to be air-minded. . . . Ten of his razorbacks are learning to fly in the CAA."

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NEW YORK, Feb. 8 (AP)—Ray Carlen wires Lou Nova's doctors have told him he can fight again this summer. Carlen is heading east to try to line up a Galento rematch, or a bout with the Pastor-Savoldi winner. . . . Chuck Fenske who looks like this season's No. 1 miler, is a full second faster than he was last year. . . . Close friends of Frank Thomas of Alabama say the contract the Brooklyn football Dodgers offered him called for three years at 20 G's per, plus stock in the club. . . . Bobby Jones wrote the foreword to Ralph Guidahl's new book, "Groove Your Golf." . . . Avery Brundage, chairman of the U. S. Olympic committee, has taken over the LaSalle hotel in Chicago.

ONE VOTE FOR CUBS

The Pawtucket (R. I.) Times quotes Gabby Hartnett as denying he ever conceded this year's pennant to the Cards and predicting the Cubs will win if the injury jinx stays away.

Uncle Sam will nick Benny McCoy for \$11,000 of the \$55,000 he'll get from the A's. . . .

Garcia Trains For Armstrong Title Defense

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 8 (UP)—Cecilio Garcia, bolo-punching Filipino, yesterday opened training in Hollywood's Legion stadium for defense of his middleweight crown against Henry Armstrong February 22.

Garcia, weighing 165 and appearing slow in timing his blows, boxed two rounds with Leo Turner of Portland, Ore., and one with Kid Lester of Memphis, Tenn.

George Parnassus, Garcia's manager, said it was the middleweight king's first workout since knocking out Glen Lee in Manila and added that Garcia would reduce at least 10 pounds before meeting Hammering Henry in the title bout. Garcia is recognized as the middleweight champion in California and New York.

Armstrong began workouts in a downtown Los Angeles gym, confining his activities to shadow boxing and rope skipping.

Hoopster Runs Up 83 Points in Tilt

HENDERSON, Tenn., Feb. 8 (AP)—Attention basketball players. Here's a scoring man to shoot at.

Six-foot Ulysses Brock, Fied-Hardeman college forward, rang up 83 points last night as his team defeated Bethel college of McKenzie, Tenn., 101-21. His score: First quarter, 22; second, 16; third, 28; fourth, 17.

Golf Champion Gains Semi-Final

PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 8 (UP)—National Champion Betty Jameson, of San Antonio, Tex., marched into the semi-finals of the Palm Beach women's golf championship Wednesday with a 6-and-5 triumph over Mrs. R. B. Jarrett, of Philadelphia.

Defending Champion Jean Bauer, Providence, R. I., Socialite Grace Amory, Palm Beach, and Elizabeth Brooks, Long Beach, Calif., also won.

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Bettina, Krieger Eyed for Mitt Go

CHICAGO, Feb. 8 (AP)—Nello Bettina, who recently stopped Fred Apostoli, and Solly Krieger, former middleweight champion, are being considered as an opponent for Tony Zale of Gary, Ind., in a show Promoter Bill Rand now is lining up for March 22 at the Stadium.

Zale recently outpointed Al Hostak of Seattle, Wash., boxing association middleweight champion, in a 10-round match at the Stadium in which Hostak suffered a badly injured left hand.

Galento Claims Joe Louis Lacks Old-Time Dynamite

POMPTON LAKES, N. J., Feb. 8 (UP)—Tony Galento, the "beer barrel piker," informed the world of wallop today that Champion Joe Louis is slipping—losing his kick.

Tony made his announcement at the champion's camp as he sat at the ringside and watched the brown bomber go through his next-to-last workout in preparation for Friday night's title defense against Arturo Godoy.

"The champion is slipping" so fast, I hope nothin' happens to him before I get another shot at 'im this summer," said two-ton Tony with wrinkles of worry crinkling about his porcine eyes.

Galento explained Louis appeared to be in good physical condition, as far as stamina is concerned, but his blows against four sparmanes lacked their old-time dynamite, and he seemed easier to hit—with either hand—than ever before.

The very critical Galento expressed amazement at the type of sparring partners Joe was using.

Louis worked one round each with three negro mates—Jim Howell, Clarence Brown and George Nicholson—and one with Emil Scholz of Boston. He cut loose with a vicious body attack on Howell. He tried to kayo Scholz, who smacked the champion on the chin with five hard straight rights, but Joe couldn't get the proper range on the Bostonian. Scholz was the only mate who tried any bobbing and weaving. Brown and Nicholson held their own with the bomber in fast sessions.

200 Tons of Phosphate on Hand for Use in County

Two hundred tons of triple phosphate have been ordered by 94 Klamath county agricultural conservation association members. Increased supplies of the material have been made available and orders can be taken for an additional 100 tons.

The phosphate is advanced to members at a low cost and charged against their 1940 farm payments. Use of this phosphate is limited to conserving crops, which are alfalfa, clovers and perennial grasses. A specified minimum rate of application is 72 pounds per acre. When those specifications are followed, each 100 pounds applied earns a dollar and a half of the farm's soil building allowance, according to Fred Rueck, chairman of the association's county committee. Misuse or application to soil-depleting crops, such as potatoes or grains, results in a doubling of charges against payments earned by other practices. Where no 1940 payments are earned, charges must be paid by operators.

Seattle Rainiers Sign Two College Stars for 1940

SEATTLE, Feb. 8 (UP)—The Seattle Rainiers of the Pacific Coast league Wednesday signed two former college baseball stars for the 1940 season.

Pete Jonas, former Whitman college pitcher, and George Farrell, onetime Stanford university third baseman, signed contracts. Jonas came up from the Spokane club of the Western International league and Farrell from Twin Falls, Ida., for the Pioneer league.

The Rainiers also sent Max (Babe) Harmon, first baseman, to Spokane for seasoning. Harmon came out from Chicago to play football for the University of Washington but couldn't make the scholastic grade.

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Joe Louis boxes today for the last time before the Godoy fight Friday night. . . . Walter Hagen is practicing again and will play in the Florida tournaments and also at Augusta. . . . Jimmy Johnston who has just signed Valentin Campolo to fight Buddy Baer in the Garden next month, is importing Armando Azar, South American middleweight champ. . . . The four forwards of the Moultrie (Ga.) girls' basketball team shot 17, 18, 19 and 20 points respectively in a game the other night. . . . Joe Rein of the Chicago Daily News, is the first out-of-town expert to arrive for Louis vs. Godoy.

A HA!

Here's a queer wrinkle in the Atherton set-up on the coast. . . . Coaches are prohibited from talking to high school stars at their schools or homes. . . . But there's nothing in the rule to prevent an enthusiastic old grad from steering a sweet backfield prospect up to the -chaleic building and whispering: "Third door to the left, kid."

After his Columbus, O., appearance, John L. Lewis will have to visit the White House with the same cold formality as a republican senator or a former brain-truster.

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