



Sports Briefs
By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

Oregon Puts But Fifteen In Track Go

Coast Racers Gather at Seattle for Conference Meet; Cougars Enter Five

NEW YORK, May 20 (AP)—There's nothing like a fight to start a fight, so here's another hot one getting underway. . . . Seems that Eddie Mack, the Boston promoter, is hollering to Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York that Mike Jacobs is bossing the New York state athletic commission and, incidentally, damaging Mack's Willie Pep-Sal Bartolo featherweight "title" fight at Boston, June 8. . . . And since Mack was a sergeant during World War I, he's no green hand at hollering. . . .

THAT'S WHY IT'S PEORIA

In case you've wondered why Peoria (which isn't a bad spot at all) is the accepted symbol for a bush league town, here's what happened in a high school game there the other day. . . . The third baseman made a putout at second base on a throw from the right fielder, who picked up a ball that dropped between the center fielder and the second baseman. . . . And in the same contest the umpire raced from the plate to second to call a play. . . . Going back, he picked up his cap at the mound, his indicator halfway to the plate and then asked: "Where's my mask?" . . . It was under his arm.

TODAY'S GUEST STAR

Wendell Lalime, Newport (Vt.) Daily Express: "Coach Bill McCarthy of NYU's championship baseball squad has achieved his best record in 22 years of coaching there. We didn't know it took so long for a McCarthy to make good in New York."

SPORTPOURRI

The Reds are using an extra-likely ball in batting practice and nearly knocking it out of the lot. So far they haven't been able to do the same to the revised balata ball. . . . Pvt. Johnny Greco, the crack Canadian lightweight, entered a Montreal hospital yesterday to have his tonsils yanked out. . . . Maybe one reason why Jake LaMotta, the New York welterweight who fights Fritz Zivic in Pittsburgh next week, is called the "One Man Gang" is that he needs all the family's six ration books to satisfy his appetite. Says Manager Mike Capriano: "I've never seen anyone with such devotion to a cow."

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Navy Lieut. Don Patrick, a survivor of the sinking of the Wasp, found time to pitch a game for the York, Pa., club of the Interstate League the other night. He beat Lancaster. . . . Since he joined the army two years ago as an aviation cadet, Lieut. George Varoff, former world-record pole vaulter, has served as an instructor and a squadron commanding officer, but now he has gone back to school as a student pilot on Liberator bombers at the Fort Worth, Tex., army air field.

GIEGER DOWNED

PASCO, May 20 (AP)—The Pasco naval air station baseball team defeated Geiger field of Spokane 20 to 1 and 10 to 5 in a doubleheader here yesterday.

Braves Drop Builder-Upper Lefty Gomez Without Test

By BILL KING
BOSTON, May 20 (AP)—Speaking on the National League's record, Lefty Gomez, who helped pitch the New York Yankees to seven pennants while winning 189 games for that clamorous club in 13 seasons, has been given another unconditional release by those surprising Boston Braves without a regulation test.

But speaking of that record, as several of his Braves admirers have done, Gomez, without throwing a single pitch in a single league game, has done much to inspire that consistent seventh-place club into a terrific drive that has moved it to within a game of the first-place Brooklyn Dodgers, according to today's National League ratings.

Although Gomez, except for those he encountered in world series competition, knows but little about the National League's players, most of his Braves teammates agree that his baseball superiority complex, ingrained during his many years with the successful Yankees, has, by mere contact, helped them rid them-

selves of their defeatist depressions. "If Gomez never works a game for us, he will more than earn his salary," one of the Braves' outstanding players said recently. "He still acts like a Yankee, for he considers all National League players as second-raters and when he tells us we can murder that

NBA Blesses Elimination Tournament

LOS ANGELES, May 20 (AP)—Blessings of the national boxing association have been bestowed—conditionally—upon the projected lightweight elimination tournament in Los Angeles this summer.

Association President Abe Greene informed the California athletic commission yesterday that official approval will be given the tournament if contenders recognized by NBA are included, and if Sammy Angott, retired NBA champ, is offered a fight with the winner.

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Brooklyn Dodgers' Top Spot Rather Unhealthy

Penthouse Bums Jeopardized by Boston Braves as Cardinals Win Another, 3-2

By JUDSON BAILEY
Associated Press Sports Writer

The Brooklyn Dodgers are in the position of the noisy tenants who are going to get kicked out of their top floor apartment as soon as the lease expires.

The Bums have been occupying the penthouse of the National League ever since the season started, but two consecutive defeats by the St. Louis Cardinals have placed them in jeopardy of losing their first place perch—not to the world champions but to the Boston Braves.

Boston, with good pitching and a surprisingly well-balanced attack, has won seven straight games, including a doubleheader yesterday from the Pittsburgh Pirates 2-1 in 11 innings and 5-3.

If the Braves should win again today and the Dodgers lose, Boston would move into top place by a percentage margin of .652 to .630.

The Dodgers were smothered by southpaw pitching again yesterday 3-2 as Max Lanier and Rookie Breechen combined to hold them to six hits. The Cardinals counted a run in the first inning when Stan Musial scored all the way from first base on a terrific single by Walker Cooper and they cinched the game on Coaker Triplett's two-run homer in the sixth.

Brooklyn's hopes for today's final game rested chiefly in the fact that they would be facing a righthanded pitcher for the first time in the series—but the righthander happened to be Mort Cooper, the league's leading pitcher last year. In a move of desperation, Manager Leo Durocher planned to call on Rube Melton to pitch for the Dodgers on two days' rest.

The Braves had difficulty downing the Pirates in their first game, although Nate Andrews kept nine hits well spaced and allowed no runs after the first frame. However, the Braves weren't able to score against Rookie Xavier Rescigno from the third to the eleventh, when Johnny McCarthy singled, stole second, and sped home on a single by Whitey Wietelmann.

McCarthy made four of the Braves' eight hits. In the second game the first four Braves who came to bat against Hank Gornicki hit singles and knocked him out of the box in the midst of a three-run rally. George Jeffcoat, pitching five-hit ball, muzzled the Pirates on one run till the ninth, when they tallied twice and forced Jeffcoat to have help.

In the day's only other game Mel Ott hit a two-run homer off Johnny Vander Meer in the first inning to lead the New York Giants to a 3-2 conquest of the Cincinnati Reds. New York was out 12 to 5, but the Reds were unable to take advantage of their opportunities till the ninth, when a two-run rally fell short.

All games in the American League were postponed for the third day in a row because of weather conditions and the Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia in the National League also was postponed.

Young Fisherman



Billy Dick Brown, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Brown, 2853 Front street, caught an 11-pound trout off the Shipping dock with a regular pole using salmon egg clusters for bait. The fish, which had helped to land, was 28 1/2 inches long and made remarkably good eating.

GRID STAR JOINS

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, May 20 (AP)—Richard A. Truskowski, former University of Idaho football star coach at Coeur d'Alene high school the last four years, has disclosed he will begin service in the army soon as a second lieutenant. He will be stationed at the infantry replacement center, Camp Roberts.

NEWBERG WINS

NEWBERG, May 20 (AP)—Newberg high school boasted an undefeated baseball team today. It closed its season by mastering Woodburn, 8 to 2, yesterday for its 13th straight victory.

Angels Mark Up Straight Win Record

Southmen Take Double-Go From Stars; Seattle Drops Portland in Cellar Battle

By The Associated Press

Los Angeles took a doubleheader from Hollywood yesterday and thereby established a new Coast league record for consecutive victories, apparently to the complete satisfaction of the last die-hard diamond historian. And Hollywood's Johnny Dick-shot extended in hitting streak to 31 consecutive games.

Those things yesterday held the attention of most league fans. But there was one other thing. Down in the dark reaches of the cellar a little light flickered and shown as Seattle defeated Portland 2 to 1 to snap a nine-game losing streak which began with a defeat at the hands of San Francisco, extended through seven drubbings by Los Angeles and the opening game of the current Portland series.

The scores on the Angels record breaking contests were 10 to 4 and 4 to 1, the latter in seven innings.

San Francisco increased its hold on second place behind Los Angeles by outlasting Oakland 7 to 6 in 15 innings, and Sacramento pushed San Diego further back into third place with a 3 to 0 victory.

Portland's loss to Seattle was the 14th this season the Beavers have dropped by one run.

Oregon Sport Notes

By FRED HAMPSON
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The more optimistic fans of the Portland unlucky Beavers hold to the view that pretty soon the club will begin to hit and when that happy day arrives it will win any number of ball games and the current slump will be only a memory.

Up to the start of the present series with Seattle the club needed only a slight improvement in hitting. Almost 75 per cent of its losses were by one run.

It may be that the unlucky Beavers will begin to hit more substantially soon and jump into a winning streak but there is one thing to remember: That is that the Beavers, all through their dismal losing streak, have been getting high grade pitching.

Suppose the pitchers go into a slump when the batters emerge from theirs? It does happen.

SHORT SUBJECTS

Jimmy Garrison, the boxer who won a terrific following in Portland and will box Henry Armstrong in an open-air show July 13, is in California having his tonsils extracted. The Garrison-Armstrong bout will be a 15-rounder.

Chuck Crowell, heavyweight who boxes Lou Nova Friday night in Portland, claims that Nova ran out on him in 1938. Nova is in Portland for Friday's fight and there will be no more run-outs so we will see then

Zupke Paints 'Old 77'



Bob Zupke, retired U. of Illinois football mentor, artist and prize pig raiser, views his portrait of the "Galloping Ghost," Red Grange, whom he coached to grid immortality two decades ago. "Guess I'm the only coach who ever had a back as good as Grange," he said. "And I must be the only coach that ever painted his star." The picture was to be given Grange, now with a Chicago insurance company. Zupke lives in Champaign, Ill.

whether Carlin was luckier before. Dick Strite of the Eugene Register Guard nominates Al Akins of Washington State for a place with such collegiate sports versatility as Jackie Robinson and Don Durand. Robinson was a four-sport man at UCLA and Durand a three-sportster at OSC in an age when few athletes attempt to participate in more than two sports. Akins, a 180-pound Spokane lad, is a member of the WSC track squad and

baseball team. He has dabbled in football but played in only one varsity game last fall.

CATHOLIC TRACK GO

MILWAUKIE, May 20 (AP)—Oregon City, Milwaukie and Central Catholic, Portland, high schools scored 61, 49 and 29 points, respectively, in a track meet here yesterday. Individual honors went to Richard Hicks, Milwaukie, who won the 100 and 220 yard dashes and the high hurdles.

Ex-Pelican Ball Player Gets Notice

Paul Crapo, former Klamath basketball and baseball player, is up to his old tricks of breaking up baseball games. Upon reading a Bakersfield paper we see that he blasted army pitching and fielded faultlessly. The paper read:

"Paul Crapo of the 327 Squadron, a basketball player of noted ability, proved to be quite a versatile on the diamond with a baseball bat and glove. He personally led his undefeated Minter Field mates to their tenth straight win of the season this past Wednesday, defeating the Hammer Field Bombers 4 to 1 in their own back yard.

"Playing his first game in a Minter uniform this year, he batted in all four runs with two hits including a three run homer in the fourth inning and played a flawless game afield, his three putouts made all coming after sensational runs.

"And it was by a mere coincidence that Crapo broke into the lineup. Had it not been for the sudden illness of second sacker Glenn Vaughn just before game time, the new star would still be sitting it out on the bench. Less than an hour before the contest was scheduled to get underway, Vaughn reported to Coach Bob McFarland that he would not be able to play. Coach McFarland changed his lineup at this point moving his regular centerfielder into third base and placing Crapo in that spot. His strategy worked as Crapo came through with flying colors."

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