

Talking a Four Minute Mile?



Chief Specialist Greg Rice (left), of the U. S. merchant marine, held a strictly one-way conversation with Gunder Haegg, Swedish runner, when the latter arrived in New York. Haegg's only English word is "okay."

Haegg Expected to Run in 500-Meter in Debut Race

By BILL KING

HANOVER, N. H., June 10 (AP)—Footracing followers who mark the mile or its kindred 1500-meters are hereby warned that it will be some time before they have an opportunity to see Sweden's fabulous Gunder Haegg competing over those distances, which also are his favorites.

Haegg now has had a chance to regain his land-legs and—at Dartmouth college—test them under climatic conditions similar to those which graced his seven world record-smashing feats in his homeland last year.

As a result, he has practically decided to make his American debut in the 5000 meters event in next week's national A.A.U.

At 155 he's five pounds above his best running weight—to attempt the shorter distances just now. Besides, his legs are a bit stiff from his recent 27-day tanker voyage from Sweden to New Orleans.

At that distance, Haegg probably will be called upon to match strides with one of America's greatest, the mighty Greg Rice. The latter's training, however, has been retarded greatly since

he entered the maritime service. Haegg has a world mark of 13:58.2 for the "5000." The Swedish record-smasher says he does not believe he ever will run it that fast again. Neither does he expect to threaten his 3:45.8 record for 1500 meters or his 4:04.6 mile mark.

Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.



NEW YORK, June 10 (AP)—A reader's query about the baseball hall of fame recently led Clyde McBride of the Kansas City Star to suggest that a lot of the old-time ball players hadn't received their just desserts in the balloting for the honor roll at Cooperstown because the old-time baseball writers weren't around to tell of their feats. . . . "If Chadbourne, Phelon, Bulger, Sam Crane and others could come back, wrote McBride, 'you would soon be knowing about early stars who played the game with all the daring and stamina and skill of the modern star, a different baseball,' . . . Well, there's one who doesn't have to come back, Hugh Fullerton, senior. He doesn't rate himself as an old-timer yet, but he used to pal around with those guys and he can tell you plenty about the stars of the nineties and even before.

MATTER OF OPINION

The real "old timers" swore by such players as Jere Denny and Fred Pfeiffer, star infielders of the 80's, and Mike "King" Kelly, colorful catcher who in his day probably was as famous as Babe Ruth. . . . Pop doesn't agree on these choices, nor does he agree entirely with the most recent baseball writers' ballot on which Frank Chance, Rube Waddell, Ed Walsh, Miller Huggins and Ed Deleahanty came the closest of those who failed election. . . . Most of them will get plaques in the hall some day, he says, but some of the best players have been neglected or forgotten entirely.

REMEMBER THESE FELLOWS?

There was big Bill Lange, for instance, another player whose fame could be compared to Ruth's. . . . There were some great pitchers—an unusual number of them, in fact—who have received few votes or none at all. Mordecai Brown and Addie Joss have had some backing, but how about Bill Dinneen, better known as an umpire, Tom "Toad" Ramsey or "Willie Bill" Hutchinson? . . . And did you ever hear of Charley Bennett, who caught for Detroit and Boston and led the league nine times

Cards Keep Up 1-Point Win Record

Close Ones Common to St. Louis, Which Beat Pirates 4-3; Senators Lose Ground

By JUDSON BAILEY

Associated Press Sports Writer

The club that wins the one-run games wins the pennant in the National league, according to the old sages of the senior circuit.

This divvying aspect of victory came in for considerable attention last year as the St. Louis Cardinals started streaking down the home stretch. From early August till the end of the season the Redbirds played 15 games which were decided by one run and they won 14 of them.

The Cardinals still are playing their games tight and they still are winning most of them, although naturally enough their mark this spring doesn't compare with last autumn.

Close Ones

Discounting a pair of the games, the Cardinals have had 24 of their 41 contests this season settled by one run and they have triumphed in 14 of the 24.

They had another one of these close, contests yesterday, the day's only fracas in the National league, and they captured it in the manner to which they have become accustomed, 4-3 over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Mort Cooper and Rip Sewell, two of the league's leading pitchers, were paired on the mound and came up to the ninth inning with the score tied 3-3. Then the Cards' speed got them the vital run.

Whitey Kurowski, playing for the first time since he hurt an eye on May 28, stretched a hard drive into a double to open the inning. Martin Marion was given an international walk. Cooper sacrificed, Lou Klein lifted a fly to leftfield and Kurowski raced home after the catch. Total for the inning—one hit, one run.

Kurowski also collected a triple and a single to score two of St. Louis' other three runs to help Cooper gain his seventh victory against three defeats.

This gave the Cards a half game margin over the second place Dodgers, who were kept idle by weather conditions.

Yanks idle

In the American league the first place New York Yankees also were idle, but the Washington Senators lost ground nevertheless by dropping a 3-2 decision to the Boston Red Sox.

Jim Tabor and Tony Lupien hit home runs in the first inning but continued to victory although giving eight hits to the six his teammates made off Dutch Leonard and Alex Carrasquel.

The Detroit Tigers slipped out of third place by losing a 3-1 verdict to the Chicago White Sox in spite of seven-hit pitching by Hal Newhouse. All three Chicago counters were scored in the first inning and were unearned. During the game Detroit made four errors, three of them by Rudy York. The Tigers were held to six hits by Johnny Humphries, but he had to have help in the ninth inning.

The game was played at twilight before a crowd of 14,793 paying customers.

The Cleveland Indians ran into the day's worst ambush, however. On returning to their own park for the first time in two weeks they were beaten 6-0 by the last place St. Louis Browns and stumbled in to seventh place in the standings. Bob Muncie held the Indians to two lonely singles. George McQuinn hit a three-run homer for the Browns.

In eleven years, Pop considers him a better receiver than Mickey Cochrane.

ALL-STAR INFIELD

Taking them by positions, Hughie, senior, rates Hal Chase as the best first baseman, followed by Fred Tenney and Frank Chance. . . . At second he places Hall-of-Famers Larry LaJoie and Eddie Collins with Johnny Evers next. At short "you don't have to go further than Honus Wagner." But Williamson, also listed as a third baseman, had a little pre-game stunt of having two men hit grounders as rapidly as they could while he fielded them, moving in steadily until he was almost on top of the plate. . . . For third base pop's picks are Jimmy Collins, Bill Bradley and Buck Weaver.

OUTFIELD IS COVERED

With Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Tris Speaker and Willie Keeler already elected and Deleahanty and Hughie Duffy pretty well up on the lists, it seems that the hall of fame has a pretty good stock of outfielders. . . .

When in Medford Stay at HOTEL HOLLAND Thoroughly Modern Joe and Anne Earley Proprietors

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Stan Musial (above), St. Louis Cardinals' outfielder, not only ranks among the National league leaders in practically all kinds of hitting, but also ran up an impressive consecutive-game batting string.

KLAMATH SPORT NOTES

The school patrons of Klamath Falls will be the deciding factor in the purchase of the natatorium swimming pool. Their votes in the KUHS election on June 28 will help further the sports program for the city. If the people

Oregon Sport Notes

By FRED HAMPSON

Associated Press Staff Writer

June jottings gleaned from Oregon sport pages and haunts:

Tex Salkeld, the old Portland and Salem flight promoter now a military policeman, was last heard from at Palm Springs, Calif., where they say he is teaching 40 Red Cross nurses how to swim.

If quantity governs, Medford ought to have a good football team this year. Coach Lorne Arnold got to computing the prospective turnout the other day, figured he might have as many as 70 boys in gear.

"Don't worry about my anemic batting average—I have been hitting the ball well so far except for three or four games," wrote Yankee Second-sacker Joe Gordon to Dick Strite of the Eugene Register Guard a few days ago. "I guess they can't all be like last year, but my luck will change." Last year at this time Joe was in the middle of a hitting streak that didn't end until June 14 with 29 consecutive games. His average at this point in 1942 was .383. It is now less than .250.

Sacramento of the Coast league will stop over in Salem Monday for a game with the Camp Adair soldiers. The soldiers have won eight out of nine games. This will be their first crack at an AAA club.

One of the two most publicized high school pitchers to appear this season in the northwest has signed with a major league club, bespectacled Walt Clough of West Seattle high. The Boston Red Sox paid him a bonus to sign and sent him to their farm club, Rosanoke of the Piedmont league. Don Johnson, Portland's Jefferson high prep school pitcher, is playing around Portland yet and has won two games since leaving the high school mound. A few offers from organized baseball have come his way, rumor says, but nothing has been signed.

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Angels Sail Higher With Seal Defeat

L. A. Defeats S. F., 2-1; Seattle's 1-0 Win Cools Portland's Drive

By The Associated Press

Los Angeles proved it had the stuff of champions and Seattle threw a little cold water on Portland's recent spirited drive toward a first division berth yesterday as the Coast league went into full-schedule action.

The Angels nipped San Francisco 2-1 for their second straight victory to take the word "crucial" pretty well out of the current series with the runner-up Seals.

In a battle of pitching veterans Hal Turpin of Seattle bested Ad Liska of Portland 1-0 as the Rainiers opened their home series in a twilight game. Farmer Hal kept seven Beaver hits well spaced while Liska was giving up 11 bingles.

The lone run came in the fourth. Len Gabrielson singled but was forced at second on Bill Kats' bunt. Sammy Gray, playing his first game in Seattle, singled to send Kats to third, and Kats scored after the catch on pitcher Hal Sueme's long fly.

Hollywood defeated Oakland 7 to 0 on the six-hit pitching of W. Thomas.

Sacramento won a game, downing third place San Diego 5 to 4 on 18 hits.

The short scores:

	R	H	E
Oakland	0	6	2
Hollywood	7	7	1
Lotz, Stromme (5), Kittle (5) and B. Raimondi, Leonard (6); Thomas and Brenzel.			

	R	H	E
Los Angeles	2	10	1
San Francisco	1	7	0
Raffensberger and Holm; Joyce and Sprinz.			

	R	H	E
San Diego	4	8	2
Sacramento	5	13	3
Dasso, Merkle (8) and Salkeld; Byerly and Petersen.			

	R	H	E
Portland	0	7	0
Seattle	1	11	1

No Restrictions On Seabee Number

The navy recruiting station here announced today that effective immediately there is no restriction on the number of Seabees that can volunteer for induction into that branch of service.

However, it is only for men with construction trades. There will be an interviewing officer at the recruiting station Thursday, June 24, to assign ratings to interested applicants. It is urged that these men report to the date of interview for necessary forms and instructions. The recruiting station is in room 202, Federal building.

If the Pelican team finds just one more ball player of the Jim Bocchi type they would really have something. For a kid who never played much baseball he has all the natural abilities any player could ever wish for. It's also too bad he didn't have American Legion Jr. baseball under his belt as it would have helped him no end. Joe Gordon, Johnny Pesky, Ted Williams and many other major leaguers got their start playing Legion ball; but many never have played ball at all if they hadn't started at an early age. It's a shame the boys of this city this year miss a chance other boys have in other cities for Legion ball.

The Klamath Falls golf team played the Bend team last Sunday at Bend. Golf should be the coming attraction in this city as traveling will be curtailed and golfers will have to find recreation at home.

G.H.Q.



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Frank W. Hull, Managing Director

Old-Timers on Comeback to Battle at Garden Friday

By SID FEDER

NEW YORK, June 10 (AP)—When it comes to corny comedy, Henry Armstrong and Sammy Angott firmly believe the guy who said "they never come back" hit such an all-time low he'd have to reach up to tie his shoe-laces.

The buzzsaw and the swarthy socker from Pennsylvania, who are going to cut up a piece of change in the very restricted neighborhood of \$75,000 tomorrow night in Madison Square Garden, are having quite a horse laugh over it.

At those prices, naturally, you can afford to laugh.

Just like Jim Braddock did, and Billy Petrolle and Bob Fitzsimmons they're proving—and

getting paid for it—that as a workable rule, that old chestnut is about as accurate as axis propaganda.

As a matter of fact, they've come so far along comeback pike that the winner of tomorrow's punch-party probably will have a shot at the lightweight championship before the summer's out.

And if you think they're just a pair of worn out warriors lucky enough to come along when the talent is about as classy as a milkwagon steed against Count Fleet, then take the word of the wise guys along Jacobs Beach that they're still a whole lot better than bad as beak-busters.

LEADING HITTERS

By The Associated Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Batting—Dahlgren, Philadelphia, .367; Musial, St. Louis, .349.

Runs Batted In—Herman, Brooklyn, and DiMaggio, Pittsburgh, 36.

Home Runs—DiMaggio, Pittsburgh, 7; Nicholson, Chicago, and Litwhiler, Philadelphia—St. Louis, 5.

Pitching—Newsom, Brooklyn, 6-1; Klinger, Pittsburgh, and Pollet, St. Louis, 4-1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Batting—Stephens, St. Louis, .371; Hockett, Cleveland, .333.

Runs Batted In—Johnson, Washington, 28; Gordon, New York, and Siebert, Philadelphia, 9.

Pitching—Carrasquel, Washington, 6-1; Chandler, New York, and Judd, Boston, 5-1.

LaMotta Favored In Bout Tonight

PITTSBURGH, June 10 (AP)—They're betting 7 to 5 that "youth will be served" tonight when 21-year-old Jake LaMotta, the "Bronx one-man riot," meets 30-year-old Fritz Zivic in a scheduled 10-round go at Forbes Field.

The odds had been 11 to 5, but that was before word got around that Jake would weigh in at 157 or maybe 156 instead of his former 160. Zivic expects to tip the scales at 151 and Jake's vanishing four pounds might make a whale of a difference.

One species of fern common in Java sometimes attains a height of 50 feet.

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