

**Sports Briefs**

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

**Garden Race Season Open Despite Luck**

**All That Remains is for Horses to Be Drafted Out of 50-Day Turf Season**

By ED CREAUGH  
CAMDEN, N. J., July 7 (AP)—Prayed against, inveighed against, even OPA'ed against, Garden State park opens today for 50 days of racing, and about the only other thing that could happen would be for all the horses to be drafted.

White-haired Eugene Mori, the Vineland, N. J., banker who built the nation's newest racing grounds last spring, estimated with crossed fingers that 12,000 improvers of the breed would be at the trouble-ridden, freshly manicured park.

Last year a neighborhood clergymen led his congregation in prayer that rain would delay completion of the grounds. This year the office of price administration—besides ruling customers off the highways under the pleasure driving ban—denied fuel for the association's tractors, scoop shovel and the like.

But Garden State opened last year—with 31,000 who wagered \$569,000—and, using fuel "on hand," hiring 50 women among the 400 pari-mutuel operators, conveying the faithful by horse-and-wagon from the nearest bus stops, it's set again today.

Whether the year's influx of war workers into the Philadelphia-Camden area would have any medicinal effect on the park association's ledgers was a question that didn't seem to bother the jauntily dressed Mori.

"We'll wait until after the war for any dividends," he said.

**WHERE'S THE PLATE?**

Discussing some of the young flingers in his pet project, the International League, Baseball Historian Ernie Lanigan recently unearthed a yarn about Charles Comiskey's pitching career to prove that the modern kids have fairly good control. . . . The "Old Roman," one of the game's greatest first basemen, broke in as a hurler with lots of speed and not much else. . . . In his first game in the old American association in 1882, the unidentified reporter relates, he beamed three Columbus players and after the game Chris von Der Ahe, owner of the St. Louis club, advised him to quit pitching before he was arrested.

**TODAY'S GUEST STAR**

Reese Hart, Raleigh (N. C.) Times: "Grid material at Fordham is reported to be so scarce that they may use a player next fall named Smith."

**ONE-MINUTE SPORTS PAGE**

Old Johnny Risko, discharged from the army because of a game leg and advanced age, has pared his weight down to 200 pounds but says he isn't thinking of a comeback unless they want to toss him in with Tony Galento. "He's one guy I could still trim," says John. . . . Clark Shaughnessy Jr., former UCLA athlete, reported for work on the Chicago Daily News sports desk at 5 a. m. last Friday, edited the sports pages through the first edition, then went out and won the javelin throw at the Central AAU track meet. . . . Hugh Casey, on a 12-day leave from the Norfolk naval air station, is back in familiar territory—the Dodgers' bullpen.

**VENGEANCE**

MEXICO CITY, (AP)—A woman employed by the Institute of Applied Biology was charged yesterday with killing 29 white mice in laboratories of the school—"because she was mad at her boss."

**Where's Elmer?—He's Back**



**Portlanders Make Hay in Senator Go**

**Rainiers Drop Hardluck Battle to Padres Losing**  
By Joe Dobbins' Error

By The Associated Press  
Outhitting their opponents 11 to 6, the Seattle Rainiers of the Pacific Coast Baseball league, dropped a hardluck 3-2 victory to the San Diego Padres in one of the two games played in the league last night.

The busy Portland Beavers meanwhile made hay in Sacramento in the league's second game, with a 3-2 victory over the Senators. Both teams collected seven hits.

Brilliant relief pitching by Jack Wilson, who went in in the seventh to shut out a threatened Sacramento rally and struck out four men in two and two-thirds innings, was the feature of the game.

The Rainiers committed but one error in their game at San Diego but that one spelled defeat for stocky Pete Jonas. Shortstop Joe Dobbins threw wild to first in the fourth inning putting Jack Whipple on first. Then a walk, a sacrifice and an outfield flyout gave the Padres an unearned run—and as it turned out—the game.

Today the entire league swings into action again, with Oakland at Los Angeles, Hollywood at San Francisco, and Portland and Seattle continuing their series with Sacramento and San Diego. All teams except Seattle and San Diego play doubleheaders.

**DRUMMOND WINS**

PORTLAND, July 6 (AP)—Bill Drummond of Portland defeated Ray Stratton, Springfield, 6-1, 6-2, in a second round match in the junior singles of the state tennis tournament yesterday.

John Shea, Los Angeles, took the men's singles spotlight by eliminating Allen Nelson, Portland, 6-2, 12-10.

**Oregon Sport Notes**

By FRED HAMPSON  
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Short takes from sport pages of Oregon:  
It has now been pretty close to a month since Don Johnson, the former Jefferson high school speedballer of Portland, has pitched a no-hit game. His last perfect job was for the Albina team in the Portland Junior League at the expense of Commerce. It was about his sixth.

Harry Leeding, the veteran Oregon Journal tower lighter, departs shortly for the marine corps via the draft. Sportsmen in Portland tendered him a going-away dinner which seems more than fitten since Harry, at his own expense, underwent a hernia operation to make himself draft material.

Babe Brown, now acting director of athletics at Idaho, told L. H. Gregory of the Oregonian recently that Idaho intends to launch a football team next fall. "We don't know what will happen, or how many boys we'll

have who can play football; we're sure to have some, however, so why lay down and die?"

One of the top compliments ever paid a major league pitcher was that voiced by Gus Mancuso for old Carl Hubbell: "When they hit him they really deserve those hits. He doesn't make a mistake but once and being around 15 years, he made all his mistakes a long time ago."

The National Boxing association ruled some time ago that Tony Galento's bouts from now on will be regarded strictly as entertainment, not boxing. Judging from reports trickling over the wire from many points a few of the boys refuse to regard them as entertainment.

Just when Portland sports writers decide that the Portland Beavers constituted a good road team and a punk home club, the team launched a home-field winning streak that carried it to third place, then went on the road and did a nose dive.

The July 12 sashay between Rodolfo Ramirez of Mexico City and Jimmy Garrison, a three-star club fighter now headquartered in Portland, will be a rubber match. The pair met four times. Garrison won two decisions. The Mexican has a slight lead since he won once by decision, once by knockout.

Coach Babe Hollingbery, who won 93, lost 53 and tied 14 games in 17 seasons at Washington State, woke up feeling a little better about the approaching season the other day. A handful of 4-Fs turned up on the Pullman campus to augment Babe's previous prospective squad composed of one guard turned down by the draft.

**STUEBER HOPES**

CHICAGO, July 7 (AP)—The Chicago Bears hope they get a few touchdowns out of Missouri's Bob Stueber before the navy gets him. Although Stueber is awaiting a call from the navy, in which he has enlisted, the Bears signed up the fleet half-back for the 1943 National Football league season.

**HORSE SCRATCHED**

NEW YORK, July 7 (AP)—Trainer Ed Christmas said today that W. L. Brann's Vincennes had broken down so badly in Saturday's Empire City handicap that the three-year-old thoroughbred had been retired for the season.

With summer flowers in bloom, remember that it's bad judgment to smell of one while a bee is doing likewise.

**Below the Belt**



Dust flies as Jim Tyack tries to score for Philadelphia Athletics at Shibe Park, but Roy Partee is quite a reception committee with ball in hand. Decision is easy one for Umpire George Piggas. Athletics didn't need run. They beat Boston Red Sox, 8-5.

**Yanks Control American Chase; Three Games Up**

**New Yorkers Only Foolin' Last Week When They Lost Four Western Tilts**

By JUDSON BAILEY  
Associated Press Sports Writer

Next to trying to find a good steak the biggest waste of time a baseball fan can indulge in is worrying about the New York Yankees.

The American league champions went west a week ago and lost four games in a row. They nearly skidded out of first place and they caused some hasty comments to the effect that maybe the McCarrthymen weren't miracle-men after all.

What it amounted, however, was that the Yankees were just teasing their rivals. By way of proving that they were only fooling the champs have won three games in the last two days and suddenly zoomed back to a three-game lead.

They whacked out a 5-4 decision over the St. Louis Browns last night to give Marius Russo, the sore-arm southpaw, his first victory of the season and accomplished the stunt in spite of the super-heated hitting of Chet Laabs.

Laabs, whose hot hitting streaks in mid-summer are no rarity, drove in all four of St. Louis' runs and collected his

tenth home run of the year and fifth in four days.

The Yankees' return to control of the league lead has been helped by the slump of the second-place Washington Senators, who dropped a 16-inning 4-3 game to the Detroit Tigers yesterday for their sixth defeat in eight games of the western trip.

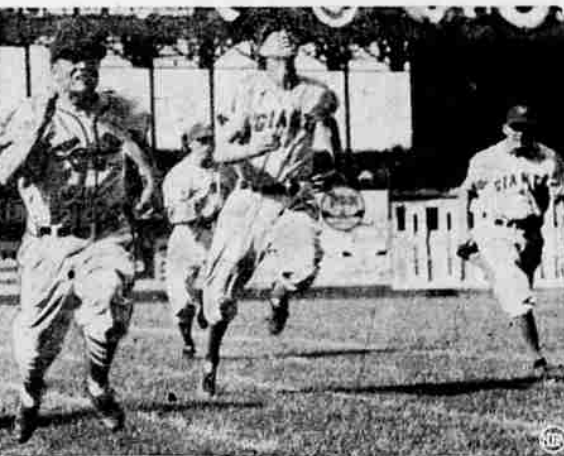
Lefty Al Smith of the Cleveland Indians shut out the Philadelphia Athletics 2-0 on four hits in a mound duel with Orin Arntzen.

The St. Louis Cardinals boosted their National league lead back to four games by blanking the Philadelphia Phillies 4-0 on three-hit hurling by Harry Gumbert, who earned his fourth straight victory and sixth of the season.

Meanwhile the Brooklyn Dodgers were humbled 9-4 by the Chicago Cubs, who acquired their first triumph of the year in Ebbets Field.

In the day's only other game the Boston Braves nosed out the Cincinnati Reds 1-0 in a pitching battle between Al Javory and Ray Starr. Each hurler gave only six hits.

**Fleet Bird**



Debs Garms, 35-year-old outfielder, proved fleetest of Cardinals in beating Johnny Rucker of Giants in 60-yard dash in field day race preceding doubleheader at Polo Grounds for war fund. His time, 6.2 seconds, was too fast for Starter Jack Lavells to believe. After the games, Jack measured the course. It proved to be only 55 yards.

**Two Divorces, One Marriage Give Indore New Maharani**

RENO, Nev., July 7 (AP)—The 1,325,089 people of Indore have a new American Maharani—an attractive, 29-year-old brunette. It took two divorces and a marriage—all in a day—to make Mrs. Euphemia Watt Crane the wife of the Maharajah who rules the vast central India state.

The slender, 33-year-old Maharajah—Y. R. Holkar is his name—was married to Mrs. Crane last night after each was granted a divorce. It was his third marriage.

He was divorced yesterday morning from his Maharani of five years, the former Marguerite Lawler Branyen of Fargo, N. D., once a nurse for his daughter. She was divorced shortly before noon from Frank Arthur Crane, said to be an employe of

an American Aviation company in India.

Both charged extreme cruelty in closed hearings. Holkar's father, Maharajah H. H. Tokoji Rao 3rd, also married an American woman—Nancy Miller of Seattle, Wash. He abdicated in 1930.

**AFRICA 'GRAY LADIES'**

Red Cross "Gray Ladies" in the United States have their counterparts in the Hospital Visitors of North Africa. These overseas Red Cross workers call on American soldiers temporarily confined to British and French hospitals.

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**THE STANDINGS**

**COAST LEAGUE**  
By The Associated Press

|               | W. | L. | Pct. |
|---------------|----|----|------|
| Los Angeles   | 57 | 23 | .713 |
| San Francisco | 47 | 32 | .595 |
| San Diego     | 42 | 40 | .512 |
| Portland      | 37 | 40 | .481 |
| Hollywood     | 37 | 44 | .457 |
| Seattle       | 35 | 45 | .438 |
| Sacramento    | 27 | 50 | .351 |

**Results Yesterday**  
Portland 3, Sacramento 2.  
San Diego 3, Seattle 2.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

|              | W. | L. | Pct. |
|--------------|----|----|------|
| St. Louis    | 44 | 24 | .647 |
| Brooklyn     | 44 | 32 | .579 |
| Pittsburgh   | 36 | 32 | .529 |
| Cincinnati   | 33 | 35 | .485 |
| Philadelphia | 33 | 37 | .471 |
| Boston       | 31 | 35 | .470 |
| Chicago      | 30 | 41 | .423 |
| New York     | 28 | 43 | .394 |

**Results Yesterday**  
Boston 1, Cincinnati 0.  
St. Louis 4, Philadelphia 0.  
Chicago 0, Brooklyn 4.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

|              | W. | L. | Pct. |
|--------------|----|----|------|
| New York     | 38 | 29 | .567 |
| Washington   | 37 | 34 | .521 |
| Detroit      | 34 | 32 | .515 |
| Chicago      | 33 | 32 | .508 |
| Boston       | 33 | 34 | .500 |
| Cleveland    | 33 | 35 | .485 |
| St. Louis    | 31 | 35 | .470 |
| Philadelphia | 32 | 41 | .438 |

**Results Yesterday**  
Detroit 4, Washington 3 (16 innings).  
Cleveland 2, Philadelphia 0.  
New York 5, St. Louis 4.  
Boston-Chicago postponed.

**OSC Trackster Modest About Flying Cross**

PORTLAND, July 7 (AP)—First Lieut. John A. Gilpin, a former Oregon State college track man, apparently doesn't think he deserved his Distinguished Flying Cross.

He won it in North Africa as navigator of a bomber leading a formation of 18 planes. An anti-aircraft shell exploded in his compartment, wounding him. The citation praised him for concealing his injuries until the mission was completed.

"All I did was refuse first aid until after we had bombed the target," he told newsmen yesterday. "We all flew through the same stuff and everyone else, just as scared as everyone else. If one man deserves a medal for that sort of thing, every man over there rates one."

**FIGHTS**

By The Associated Press  
NEWARK—Larry Lane, 1911, Trenton, stopped Eddie Hovevar, 1894, Cleveland (4).

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Buddy Scott, 182, Tampa, outpointed Tom Sharkey, 178, U. S. navy (10).

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass.—Tommy Jessup, 141, Springfield, knocked out Charley Davis, 136, Dawson, Ga. (3).

NEW BEDFORD, Mass.—Gene Margardia, 143, Fall River, Mass., knocked out Russell Sawyer, 141, New York (4).

NEW YORK—Frankie Rubino, 136, New York, knocked out Ray Puig, Tampa, Fla. (1).

NEW YORK—Sgt. Jackie Wilson, 146, Los Angeles, outpointed Jackie Cooper, 147, Chicago (10).

**Easy on the Eyes**



Tony Galento was a roughhouse fighter, but that isn't stopping the Orange barkeep from sponsoring glove with thumb stitched to striking surface to prevent boxer from stabbing opponent in eye. Idea was thought of years ago, but never put in practice.

**Haegg Does Training in Los Angeles**

LOS ANGELES, July 7 (AP)—Gunder Haegg, wispy, long-haired Swedish fireman, will do his training in Los Angeles for his two-mile race Saturday with the Boston Divinity student, Gil Dods.

Haegg, who arrived by train from Chicago yesterday, jogged around the coliseum track and then with his interpreter, trainer and other advisers, went into a huddle from which he emerged with two quick decisions:

First, that the Los Angeles atmosphere satisfied him, and he wouldn't need the mountain breezes of Lake Arrowhead, original training site, to get in shape.

Second, that the race distance would be two miles, although a mile run had been considered.

The bespectacled and Biblical Dods, who accompanied Haegg west, wasn't given a vote on the distance question. He just shrugged his shoulders and quoted the 14th verse of the fifth chapter of Matthew:

"And whoever forces Thee to go a mile, go with him twain."

MONTREAL—Johnny (Toussaint) Price, 135, Montreal, outpointed Johnny Cockfield, 129, New York (8).

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**Metkovich Plays Baseball With Boston Red Sox**

SAN FRANCISCO, July 7 (AP) George Metkovich, hard-hitting outfielder of the San Francisco baseball club, is going to play for a Boston team again. Only this time it will be the Red Sox.

The 23-year-old player, regarded as the backbone of the second place Seals, was sold yesterday for immediate delivery in a deal with the American League club that will bring Outfielder Wilson "Dee" Miles, 31, to the local team.

The purchase price was said to run close to \$25,000. Metkovich, left handed hitter and thrower, was signed by Boston Braves in 1940, farm to Evansville, Three Eye league, and sold to the Seals this spring for \$5000.

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