

Babe Ices Baseball's War Bond Cake by Socking Circuit Smash

Sports Briefs

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NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (AP)—Mike Jacobs has been absorbing a few blasts for setting a \$16.50 top for tickets to tonight's Hank Armstrong-Ray Robinson fight, but Mike can take it as long as he can take it. But some of the more solvent fence-sitters point out that the customers all over the country are demanding ringside seats at any price and won't go for the cheap tickets. . . . Record stuff: George Case, with 42 thefts so far, is a good bet to win his fifth straight American league base stealing crown. Ty Cobb never won more than three in a row.

BETTER THAN THROWING 'EM

Shortly after Cedric Durr resigned as manager of the San Diego Pacific Coast league club, reports Monroe McConnell, he received a notice that a package of fruit had arrived for him. . . . Thinking about choice Imperial Valley grapefruit, Durr hurried to the express office. Where he was handed a small box. . . . Inside he found nine lemons, each numbered for a position in the lineup—and three were rotten.

POLITENESS

When the Minnesota publicity department wrote for dope on prospective football opponents, Michigan's Fred De Lano answered that Fritz Crisler will be able to call upon such players as Elroy Hirsch from Wisconsin, Paul White, Bob Wiese, Mervin Pregulman and Julius Franks, Michigan letter winners last fall, "to say nothing of your own Mr. Bill Daley, for whom we extend our heartiest thanks."

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Tommy Harmon, now flying a fighter plane in China, reports that he lost all his baggage when the transport carrying it was sunk. "So I shall dress like a native for the duration," explains Tom. En route to China, Harmon ran into Johnny Blood, the old Packer and Pittsburgh pro star. . . . Artie Dorrell, who has just been classified as a pilot in his new post at San Antonio, Tex., writes: "I've been boxing 10 years, amateur and pro, and all I have trouble with is my pulse. That might prove something to the eye-brow lifters about the fight racket!" . . . PFC. Dwain Abbott of Bellingham, Wash., recently retained his 175-pound title at Keesler Field, Miss., by knocking out Pvt. Marlon Bottoms of Springfield, Ill.

Bob Kennedy Places Fourth as Valuable Player

EVANSTON, Ill., Aug. 27 (AP)—Bob Kennedy, former Washington State college football star, placed fourth in the voting for the most valuable player on the all-star college squad which vanquished the professional champions, the Washington Redskins, 27 to 7 here Wednesday night. Pat Harder of the University of Wisconsin placed first, followed by Glenn Dobbs, Tulsa university, Otto Graham, Northwestern and Kennedy.

Epperly Presses Phipps in Coast League Batting Race

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 26 (AP)—Jodie Phipps of Los Angeles still led Pacific Coast league pitchers on the basis of games including last Tuesday's but Al Epperly of San Francisco had another win to his credit and was pressing him more closely. Phipps lost a game during the week for a season's record of 16 wins and two defeats, while Epperly won one and had 14 and four. Red Lynn of the Angels also added a win, for 20 victories and six defeats.

Pitcher and Club	W	L	SO	Pct.
Tineup, Seattle	2	0	5	1.000
Buzolich, San Francisco	2	0	7	1.000
Were, San Francisco	1	0	4	1.000
Phipps, Los Angeles	16	2	88	.880
Osborn, Los Angeles	8	1	24	.880
Epperly, San Francisco	14	4	53	.778
Baker, Los Angeles	7	2	26	.778
Fletcher, Seattle	7	2	23	.778
Lynn, Los Angeles	20	6	98	.769
Raffensberger, Los Angeles	17	7	108	.708
Root, Hollywood	12	5	87	.708
Speece, Seattle	13	6	43	.684
Gehrman, Los Angeles	15	7	65	.682
Pilletto, Sacramento	2	1	5	.667
Beats, San Francisco	13	7	58	.650
Cohen, Portland	9	5	29	.643
Osborne, Portland	9	5	35	.643
Chellini, Oakland	12	7	31	.632
Joyce, San Francisco	17	11	68	.607
R. Smith, Hollywood	12	8	61	.600
Harrell, San Francisco	15	11	93	.577
Liska, Portland	15	11	108	.577
G. Mallory, Los Angeles	10	8	72	.558
Dasso, San Diego	10	8	148	.558
Lien, San Francisco	12	10	60	.545
Herring, Portland	6	5	37	.545
Turpin, Seattle	7	6	52	.538

By SID FEDER
NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (AP)—There were still 35,000 lumps in 35,000 throats around the village today—all because a dozen old men walked out on a ball field.

These weren't just any 12 old gaffers, mind you. Nor was it just any old baseball clambake at the polo grounds yesterday. It was an \$800,000,000 baseball show, put on by the Journal-American to sell war bonds.

It was quite a party, too, what with Broadway and baseball, Hollywood and the hall of fame, and—especially—Babe and the "boys."

But Babe and the "boys" stole the show—stole it from the top "name" comedians, dance bands, movie actors and singers in show business who did their stuff during the four-hour fess. And they stole it, too, from the Giant-Yankee-Dodger all-stars who

Seattle's Win Streak At Sad End

Beavers Batter Seventeen Hits to Down Rainiers by 16 to 3; Game Called

By The Associated Press
The Seattle Rainiers' nine-game winning streak, their longest of the current Pacific Coast league season, came to a sad end last night as Portland's Beavers lashed out 17 hits to win 16 to 3. Darkness halted the game in the eighth inning. Seattle took a 3-1 lead in the first three innings, but Portland tied it up in the fourth and proceeded to bring home seven runners in the fifth inning, driving Joe Demoran from the game. Glenn Elliott and Rookie Clarence Marshall followed on the mound for the Rainiers but failed to do much about the deluge of base hits.

Big Al Epperly pitched the San Francisco Seals to a 3-0 shut-out against Oakland, allowing but six hits. It was his 15th win of the year.

Sacramento and San Diego split a doubleheader. The Padres capturing the first game 8-2, and Sacramento the second shortened to eight innings by darkness, 4-3.

Ken Raffensberger got his 18th victory of the year as Los Angeles beat Hollywood 4-3 in the last home appearance this year for the Angels.

Airmen Plan Ten Game Grid Series

MARCH FIELD, Calif., Aug. 27 (AP)—The fourth air force flyers have announced a tentative 10-game football schedule including a contest with St. Mary's naval preflight October 31 in San Francisco's Kezar stadium.

Maj. Paul Schissler, coach, said his squad of 50-odd players will begin practice tomorrow. The flyer offense will be constructed around two all-American backs, Corp. Jimmy Nelson of Alabama and Corp. Joe Williams of Ohio State, and Right Half Back Bob DeFrutier, a sergeant, whose 24-yard touchdown run for Nebraska in 1939 defeated Minnesota 6-0.

Other games on the flyers' schedule are UCLA here October 9, USC at Los Angeles November 13 and Washington at Seattle October 23.

turned in a 5-2 win over the army's new Cumberland (Pa.) team, which was aided and abetted by Hank Greenberg, Johnny Beasley and Enos Slaughter.

The Babe, naturally, was George Herman Ruth, the man with a bat. You knew it long before he poked one of Walter Johnson's still-lively slants into the upper right field deck, as the 35,000 rattled the rafters.

The Babe and Walter were two of the ancient dozen who had old Pop Time turn the hourglass backward to give today's fan a look at what probably was the greatest collection of baseball "ivory" ever put on display in one park. Seven of the dozen are in the Hall of Fame. As they spread out on their regular spots on the field, the lump you got in your throat and the moisture in the eyes of some of the most blasé baseball writers in the press coop were more than enough to prove that the baseball fan is at least part elephant. He never forgets.

Around the infield were George Sisler, Eddie Collins and bow-legged Honus Wagner from the Hall of Fame, and Frankie Frisch, who'll probably get there one of these days. This speaker was flanked in the outer pastures by Duffy Lewis of the Boston Red Sox's mighty Lewis-Speaker-Hooper outfield, and Red Murray, who once saved a game for the New York Giants by catching a fly during a lightning storm. C. McGillicuddy, known to the trade as Connie Mack, "managed" the cast. Bill Klem, the old arbitrator in person, "umpired" and Roger Bresnahan did the catching.

It didn't matter that in fielding some of the Babe's "practice shots" Murray fell down. Speaker was practically decapitated and Collins was all but carried into right field by a line drive. The folks had a look at 'em, and the Babe finally parked one. That was the icing on the cake.

Ann Scares 'Em All in Water Tilts

San Francisco's Curtis Holds Two New Titles in Women's Swimming Meet

By HAROLD HARRISON
SHAKAMAK STATE PARK, Ind., Aug. 27 (AP)—Husky Ann Curtis, 17-year-old San Franciscan who holds two brand new swimming records, had 'em all scared in the free-style events of the women's national swimming meet, which settled down to final competition today.

"She'll win every free style race she enters," one coach remarked. Miss Curtis, representing the Crystal Plunge pool of San Francisco, was entered in the 100, the 400 and the 800 meters events. She recently set new national women's junior records for the 100 and 400-yard free style races.

Participating in her first national senior competition, she had her race cut out for her in the 400 and 800-meter events here, championship of which was defended by Betty Bemis of Indianapolis and the WAVES. Miss Bemis, high individual point winner in the 1942 national women's meet, will defend her two free-style records as a WAVE and not as an entry of the Riviera club of Indianapolis, under whose banner she won them last year.

All final events were to be held today, tomorrow and Sunday.

Qualifying yesterday for the 1500-meter free-style were Mary Ann Walls of the Riviera club, winner of the first heat with a time of 23:11.3; Florence Schmitt, 13-year-old member of the Women's Swimming association of New York, whose second heat win was the best qualifying time—22:51.8—and the six other girls.

Nancy Merki of the Multnomah Athletic club, Portland, Ore., qualified with a time of 23:11.7. She is the defending champion.

SPEED WINS GALLOP

GRESHAM, Aug. 27 (AP)—Speed Home won the featured speed allowance five-furlong gallop at the Multnomah county fair last night in the good time of 1:00.8.

TITLE CLINCHED

PORTLAND, Aug. 27 (AP)—Albina Hollships clinched the war industries baseball league title last night by defeating second-place Marine Electric, 6 to 3.

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Major League Schedule Drops Into Dead Spot

Cubs Edge Out Pirates in National Contest; Red Sox Beat Out Cleveland

By JUDSON BAILEY
Associated Press Sports Writer

The fantastic schedule drawn up by the major leagues this year has dropped into another one of its dead spots.

A lot of games remain to be played before the season ends October 3, but except for full programs tomorrow and Sunday the menu in the majors for the next few days is going to have less meat than a vegetable plate luncheon.

Over a three-day stretch in the American league next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, for instance, the total activity will be limited to one game between the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox. National league games also are rationed, although not quite so stringently.

The letup began yesterday when only two teams in the senior circuit and four in the American league saw action. The Chicago Cubs edged out the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-2 in the lone National league contest with Paul Derringer pitching six-hit ball. It took a two-run homer by Phil Cavarretta in the sixth inning and a triple by Harry Lowrey in the seventh, however, to beat the Buccaneers.

In the American league the Boston Red Sox beat Cleveland 4-1 and Washington halved a doubleheader with the St. Louis Browns.

Mike Ryba, the Red Sox' jack of all trades, officiated in the victory over the Indians with seven-hit hurling. His teammates made only four safeties off Mike Haymick and Pete Center, but were given aid and comfort by four Cleveland errors.

The Senators stopped the Browns in the first game 9-7 for Early Wynn's 15th pitching triumph, although he had to have help from Dutch Leonard to get the final out. Jake Early and Stan Spence hit homers for the Senators and George McQuinn and Frank Hayes did the same for St. Louis. Then in the nightcap McQuinn hit another round-tripper and the Browns won 4-3 when Milo Candini forced in three runs with walks while the bases were loaded.

Tea plants produce white flowers not unlike a camellia, with a sweet perfume.

Armstrong to Meet 'Sugar' Robinson in Ten-Rounder Tonight at Madison Square

By TED MEIER
NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (AP)—Veteran Henry Armstrong hops into the Madison Square garden tonight a 3 to 1 underdog against youthful Ray "Sugar" Robinson in a scheduled 10-round curfew packed with human interest.

Back in October, 1940, when Hammerin' Henry was short of the last of his three world titles Robinson, then an unknown from Harlem, made his first pro appearance in the four-round curfew raiser on the card. He flattened a guy named Joe Echevarria in two rounds, got dressed and watched his idol, Armstrong, lose the welterweight title to Fritz Zivic.

Armstrong retired in January, 1941, but started a comeback in June, 1942. Meantime, Robinson jumped into prominence with a knockout punch that earned him the reputation of being the "uncrowned welterweight champion."

As Armstrong's comeback prospered it was inevitable that Promoter Mike Jacobs would eventually match the two outstanding negro welters.

This is the background for the meeting between the one time master and the former wide-eyed youngster, now a corporal in the army and slated to accompany Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis on a world tour of armed camps.

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route at the 44th annual tournament with a field of more than 800 competitors.

Shorn of its \$10,000 guaranteed purse because of the war, the classic's payoff will be based on the number of entrants but the gold and glory are expected to approximate that of peace time years.

There were no favorites for the big event in which "unknowns from nowhere" gener-

ally emerge as visitors while the recognized hot shots finish among the also-rans.

James F. Holderman, Morris, Ill., farmer, was on hand to defend the crown he won last year but tradition gave him no chance to repeat. In the 44 years of the roaring grand, not one marksman has been able to capture the title twice.

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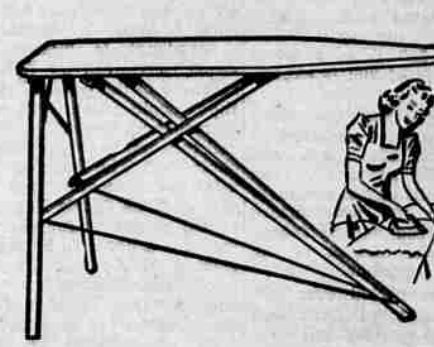
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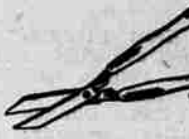


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