



Browns on Top Again After Drop

Luke's "Morning Glories" Grab 6-5 Game From Yanks After Poor Eastern Trip

By JACK HAND Associated Press Sports Writer

If you've been counting the St. Louis Browns out of the American league pennant race because of their poor eastern trip, better revise the figures and look again. Luke Sewell has them back in first place today.

After winning their first nine, the Browns started to slip, blew an entire series in Philadelphia and fell off the top. St. Louis dreams of a Sportsman's park series faded and they began to tab Luke Sewell's crew "morning glories."

Since leaving Missouri soil over two weeks ago the Browns, only team never to win a pennant, have taken only five of 14 games. They had lost seven out of 10 to their eastern rivals before they grabbed a 6-5 edge over the Yankees yesterday at New York. But Joe McCarthy's crew has been dropping too.

It was the first time the world champions had seen the Browns since this season and Nelson Potter gave them an eye full with a neat six-hit job while Mark Christman and Al Zarilla banged out their first homers. Bud Metheny and Ed Levy also hit for the circuit but couldn't save Atley Donald from his second loss and the New Yorkers from their fourth straight defeat.

Peteo tumbled Washington into third place behind Johnny Gorsica's tight seven-hit twirling as Rudy Ryba banged out two hits and drove in half the runs of the Tigers' 4-1 edge. Word that Catcher Al Evans had received a medical discharge from the navy and soon would rejoin the Senators was the only good news for Washington fans.

Philadelphia's luck continued to run bad as Cleveland's Al Smith hung up his first triumph of the year by a 9-1 count, scattering nine hits.

Mike Ryba capped off three hitless innings as a relief hurler by singling home the winning run in the last of the 12th for Boston's 3-2 shade over Chicago.

Pittsburgh swept the series from Brooklyn in the National, advancing into third place on a 5-2 victory. Vince DiMaggio's third homer was the big wallop of a four-run spurt in the seventh.

Mort Cooper came up with a sore elbow after two trying innings as Jim Tobin pitched Boston to a 4-3 nod over the St. Louis Cardinals whose lead was sliced to three and a half games when Cincinnati outslugged the Phils, 7-5. It was the first appearance for Clyde (no-hit) Shoun of the Reds after his near perfect job Monday.

Chicago collected only three hits but they were enough for a 3-2 verdict over New York with the help of Hugh Luby's error with the bases loaded.

BASEBALL SCORES

COAST
Seattle 4-3, Sacramento 0-4.
Hollywood 4, San Francisco 3
(10 innings)
Los Angeles 6, Oakland 0.
Portland 10, San Diego 7.

NATIONAL
Chicago 3, New York 2.
Cincinnati 7, Philadelphia 5.
Boston 4, St. Louis 3.
Pittsburgh 5, Brooklyn 2.

AMERICAN
Boston 3, Chicago 2.
Cleveland 9, Philadelphia 1.
Detroit 4, Washington 1.
St. Louis 6, New York 5.

Beavers Lengthen Lead 1 Game

By The Associated Press

The Portland Beavers added a full game to their Coast league lead over the San Francisco Seals last night, crowding past San Diego, 10-7 while the Seals were bowing, 4-3, before the hurling of Hollywood's Clint Hufford, 17-year-old rookie fresh from high school.

Seattle continued to blow hot and cold but held with fair security to third place in splitting a double bill with Sacramento, winning the opener, 4-0 and dropping the nightcap, 4-3.

The Beavers run with a five run spurge in the eighth inning, fashioned on three hits and three walks. It was a see-saw game. The Padres tallied once in the first but Portland came back for four runs in the second. San Diego retaliated for five runs in its half of the second after which the Beavers waited until the eighth to put the game away.

Young Hufford allowed only eight hits in 10 innings as the Stars beat the Seals.

Los Angeles won its fourth straight from Oakland, 6-0.

Don Burnham Picks Tough Track Task

By HAROLD CLAASSEN PHILADELPHIA, May 20 (AP)

The manpower situation is such that Don Burnham, young Dartmouth medical student, has picked himself a three-fold task in today's 88th annual IC4A track meet on Franklin field although 30 eastern colleges have entered 403 athletes.

Burnham will defend his title, won a year ago with a 4:18.2 scarpier; seek the half-mile laurels and compete on the New Hampshire Indians' mile relay team in the hope of bringing Dartmouth its first outdoor title.

Despite his talent and ambitions, the U. S. military academy at West Point, N. Y., is the favorite in this second war-time cipher conclave.

The cadets annexed the indoor crown in Madison Square Garden last winter and have it; only Leon Dombrowski since then. Dombrowski, a weight thrower, has gone on to advance flight training.

Dartmouth, however, is expected to place high, along with Navy and defending champion New York university.

Nine Horses Die In Churchill Downs Blaze

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 20 (AP)—Nine race horses and one pony were destroyed early today when fire razed one of the barns at historic Churchill Downs.

Hundreds of thoroughbreds were stabled at the track but only about 30 had to be turned loose.

Value of the nine horses lost in the fire was variously estimated at from \$30,000 to \$50,000. There was no outstanding racer among them.

Had the fire happened two weeks earlier, however, the same barn contained Fensive, winner of the 1944 Kentucky derby and other derby entries.

Ortiz Kayoes Peewee in Pep Warm-Up Fight

HOLLYWOOD, May 20 (AP)—Bantamweight Champion Manuel Ortiz of El Centro, Calif., warmed up for his June 18 bout in Boston with Willie Pep by scoring a technical knockout over Peewee Lewis of Baltimore in the ninth round of a scheduled 10-round fight last night.

Ortiz was in control throughout and had the little negro down for an eight count in the eighth with hard rights and lefts to the jaw. Lewis was groggy and reeling when Referee Benny Whitman stopped the contest early in the ninth.

Both fighters weighed 124 pounds.

Rope Gives Wagner Win Over Pete

Gorgeous George Set For Mat Battle With Katonen Lipscomb Topples Kizer

By JOHN FOSTER

Gorgeous George Wagner won the right to meet Paavo Katonen, Pacific coast light heavyweight champion, next week at the armory, by drubbing Pete Belcastro, the Weed Assassin, in the main event of last night's weekly mat card.

It was a wild, fist-flying affair, with Wagner getting the first fall with a series of well-aimed whacks to the head and a body press.

A wee bit leary but out for his first fall of the evening, Pete returned all the battering he received in the first round and after a few minutes lapsed he let go with some fisticuffs to George's head and a couple of body slams and fell on top to gain the count.

That evened the score. The final round was ready.

Things were going even-Stephen, with each party trying to pound out the brains of the other, and it looked like the Weed Assassin had a chance for the final count when he kicked Wagner out of the ropes. When Pretty Boy started to get into the ring again, Pete upped his legs in the air for his flying dropkick but all he did was stop in mid-air after hitting the top ring rope and came tumbling down on his back. George saw his chance, he climbed into the ring, put in a couple of swats to the chin and Pete was finished for the evening.

Buck Lipscomb, a meanie A-1, tried everything in the book against hapless well-liked Jack Kizer of Vancouver in the semi-windup. Many times it looked like Buck would swat his way to an early finish but young Kizer would return all the hair-pulling and what have you and stay in there pitching.

Three rounds passed with the Vancouver lad usually on the defensive and finally after the fourth bell had rung, Lipscomb wrapped his short arms around Kizer's head and proceeded to swat merrily at his Adam's apple. That finished Kizer for the evening with Buck winning by one fall.

Herb Parks and Harold Davidson fought to a draw in the opener.

Parks, nursing a beautiful sunburn received HERE in Klamath, won the first fall with an abdominal twist or a "sucker" hold as Parks puts it. It's a back bender which causes quite a bit of grief and Davidson was glad to let it go at that.

Davidson took the other fall by getting Herb a little groggy and grabbing both his feet and twirling him around and dropping him for the count.

So it looks like strutting Gorgeous Wagner will tangle with the Pacific coast champion, Paavo Katonen, next week in the main event. That is the only definite bout announced and a sell-out crowd is expected.

Corvallis Prep Golfers Rate Tops in State

CORVALLIS, May 20 (AP)—Corvallis high school golfers rated tops in state prep circles for the third straight year today.

They wound up the two-day state high school golf tournament yesterday with 628 strokes, compared to 699 for Eugene runner-up. They had a stroke average of 3 1/4 over par for each nine holes.

University High of Eugene and Grant of Portland tied for third with 701 each. Marshfield tallied 715, Salem, 721, Park-Rose 731.

Medalist honors went to Gordon Hammond of Corvallis with 148 strokes, an average of one over par for each nine.

He scored 72 in the first day, 76 the next. Runners-up and teammates on the mythical all-state four were Johnson, Corvallis, 157; Gillanders, University High, 159, and Stagg, Corvallis, 160.

REFeree'S DECISION

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20 (AP) A low-landing right punch in the ninth round gave Booker T. Washington of Sacramento a referee's decision on a four over Leroy Wade, San Francisco, in their bout here last night. Washington weighed 161 and Wade 164.

