

# From Midfield

By PAUL HAINES

## Servicemen's Championship At Stake

Friday night at the Klamath Falls armory Marine Johnny Gates will trade rights and lefts with Sailor Al Burkhardt, negro fighter stationed at the air station who fought professionally under the moniker of "Kid Silk."

This bout will be a four-rounder for the servicemen's championship of Klamath Falls and the armory is expected to be jammed to capacity with servicemen and civilians eager to witness a first-class boxing tiff. Gates enjoyed considerable success in Portland recently in decisioning John L. Sullivan and then losing to Powder Proctor on a TKO when Proctor brought up one from the canvas, cutting Gates over the eye. We understand that Gates had Proctor on the road to lullaby land when the lucky punch connected.

Burkhardt has had plenty of ring experience and knows his way around. He has an extremely long reach which may, or may not, cause Gates trouble. A great fight is assured when the traditional rivalry between the marine corps and the navy is once again under the hammer and both boys may be depended upon to give all they have in the way of hooks and jabs.

They are both in the light-heavyweight division and both pack plenty of steam behind their punches. This bout will go on after the semi-windup of the rassing card which pits Antone Leone against Kenny Ackles, the "Hollywood Wonder Boy."

In the top tussle George Wagner will seek to annihilate "Baby-Face" Klingman but will have his work cut out for him if last week's performance is any indication of ability. Last Friday night Klingman held tough Leone to a draw which is quite a feat in itself.

In the curtain-raiser Paavo Katonen will butt biceps with Georges Dussette to round out one of the top cards of the year. Lillard announced early in the week that there would be no hike in prices for the additional boxing bout and an evening of fast fistic and rassing action is on deck for Klamath Falls sports fans.



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## Note To Legion Junior Ball Players:

Plans are almost completed to get three baseball fields in shape for practice. Watch the sports page of The Herald and News for an announcement of a final meeting SOON to draw sponsors and coaches and organize teams. The whole program will get underway just as soon as possible!

## Jeff Heath Returns To Cleveland Club

By JIM JORDAN

CHICAGO, June 14 (AP)—John Geoffrey (Left) Heath is back with the Cleveland Indians hoping to make up for two months lost in a holdout campaign by lifting the American league batting crown from the brow of his boss, Manager Boudreau.

And the big powerful ex-Seattle high schooler may do just that, too, if he pounds the ball at the same clip he did last year. In 1944 he outhit Boudreau by four points—331 to the 327 the Indian man batted in winning the title, but he played in only 50 games, not enough for recognition as batting king.

"I've been working out every day at Seattle with coast league teams and with standard teams. All I need to get started now are a few games against major league pitching," the husky outfielder said.

He played his first full game yesterday since rejoining the Indians a week ago. He failed to hit, against three White Sox pitchers, but the old power that gave him the league lead in triples twice—1938 and 1941—and earned him batting averages of .343 in 1938 and .340 in 1941 still was apparent. He drove Johnny Dickshot back against the left field wall to pull down one long drive.

"See, that's what I mean," he said. "A couple more games and I'll get to hitting."

But Heath may not be with the Indians if he does accomplish what he has set out to do. His holdout problem, for the most part, was that he wanted to be traded to another club.

"Cleveland's park isn't built for my kind of hitting," he said. "Most of the others are. The management promised me they would trade me if they can get a player, or players, in return that will strengthen the club. But they're hard to find now."

The Indians will have to hurry, however, if they plan to make any trades, as the deadline for

## 8 Remain In Reames Tournament

The Reames handicap tournament for the President's cup moved into the final stages over the weekend and through the week with eight players left out of a large field.

The majority of the matches have been extremely close so far with few lop-sided victories being registered. As is to be expected, some fine golf and some mediocre divot digging has been played throughout the tourney with Carl Woods firing the best round with a torrid 72.

The following matches should be played off not later than this Sunday, according to Tournament Chairman John West.

- 1st Flight  
Panning vs. winner of Woods-Medford.
- 2nd Flight  
Kerns vs. Lamb.
- 3rd Flight  
Haines defeated Landry.
- 4th Flight  
S. Miller vs. Martin.

WILMINGTON, Del. — Fred-die (Red) Cochrane, 147, Elizabeth, N. J., T.K.o'd Alex Doyle, 149, Garfield, N. J. (2).

Classified Ads Bring Results.

## Tigers Rap St. Louis Nine, 6-4

Greenberg May Be Headed Toward Detroit Outfield; York Slaps Out Three Hits

By JACK HAND (Associated Press Sports Writer)

If Capt. Hank Greenberg is headed toward the Detroit outfield and Rudy York is going to start hitting, it's time to rate Steve O'Neill's Tigers the team to beat in the American league.

Some already tab the Bengals as the class of the junior circuit but most fans have been reluctant to go all out for a club that leans so heavily on its slim pitching staff for success.

Although the Tigers lead the second place New York Yankees by a full game today, and have won seven of their last eight, their over-all record has been spotty.

**Greenberg May Be Released**  
The case of Greenberg is not clear although an army spokesman at Fort Dix, N. J., said yesterday the former Tiger may be out of service by tomorrow night. Neither he nor the Detroit club have indicated an early return to the lineup.

Greenberg, 34, has been in the army since May 7, 1941, with the exception of an eight-week period in late 1941 and early 1942 when he was discharged as average but later re-inducted. In his last full season with the Bengals he hit .340 and bashed 41 homers. His return would be the first test of a "big name" major leaguer attempting to pick up where he left off in his baseball career.

**York Gets 3 Hits**  
York showed encouraging signs of ending his season-long slump yesterday with three hits for a perfect day against St. Louis, contributing a three-run homer, two singles and four runs batted-in to the leader's 6-4 victory. It was only his third round tripper of the season and his average still was a trifling .259.

Starter Joe Orrell was the victor over Nelson Potter, but neither was around at the finish. Chicago made seven hits count for a 5-3 decision over Cleveland, although the Tribe backed up Steve Gromek with a 14-blow attack on Joe Haynes and two successors. Gromek's five-game win streak was snapped on a four-run fourth inning spurt.

The Yankees and Washington were not scheduled and a Boston at Philadelphia night game was washed out.

**Giants Nudge Bums**  
Brooklyn took another fall out of the New York Giants, 3-2, pulling into a second place tie with Pittsburgh, only a half game off the pace. Hal Gregg did a five-hit job on the leaders to outpoint Harry Feldman. Pittsburgh and Chicago were idle yesterday but the Pirates can take over first place by winning two from Chicago today.

A Bucco split and a Dodger triumph would put Leo Durocher's crew on top.

Two streaks ended as the Phillies went 15 innings to a 5-4 decision that snapped their record-breaking losing streak at 16 and the Boston Braves' victory string at nine. Mort Cooper had copped his sixth in a row in the opener of the doubleheader with an 8-3 triumph for the hub.

Veteran Joe Bowman continued to pitch like a champ for Cincinnati after his discard by the Boston Red Sox, notching his third successive decision for the Reds by a 2-1 margin over the St. Louis Cards who hoisted their world series pennant.

## NO BATS—NO BASEBALL

BOWLING GREEN, O., June 14 (AP)—Bowling Green university's baseball team is going "bats" in a doubleheader against Oberlin, the team splintered every bat it owned. One player broke five. There will be no baseball practice until new bats arrive.

## Meets Burkhardt



**DYNAMITE**—Marine Johnny Gates shown above in a typical fighting stance will swap leather with Sailor Al Burkhardt, clever negro fighter stationed at the naval air station, Friday night at the armory as an added attraction to Promoter Mack Lillard's rassing show. The fight will go on between the semi-windup and the main event. The bicep bill sends George Wagner against Otis Klingman in the top tussle, Antone Leone meets Kenny Ackles in the semi-windup, and Paavo Katonen clashes with Georges Dussette in the opener.

## 2 Rainiers Called Up For Service

PORTLAND, June 14 (AP)—The army stepped in yesterday to whittle away at the strength of the Seattle Rainiers as they engaged the Portland Beavers in their crucial series for the Pacific Coast Baseball league lead. Catcher Bob Finley was called for army induction, while Outfielder Jack Whipple also left with Finley, presumably for another physical examination.

Both previously had been rejected for military service. With several players injured the Beaver management still was undecided on when to set the extra game made necessary by travel delays Tuesday. A double-bill for Friday night loomed as one possibility although a single game Monday also was said to be under consideration.

## Navy Officer Sinks 2 Aces In 2 Weeks

ATHENS, Ga., June 14 (AP)—Lt. Bob Warren, Georgia navy pre-flight athletic officer had been playing golf for 21 years without registering a hole-in-one. Then, it happened to him twice within two weeks—and on the same hole.

He made his first ace on the 167-yard eighth hole at the Athens Country club course two weeks ago with a No. 6 iron. He repeated yesterday with a No. 5 club.

## Suds Edge Bevos, 4-3; Seals Win

Rainiers 1/2 Game Behind Floundering Beaver Nine; Five Clubs Fight For 3rd

By PAUL WELLS (Associated Press Sports Writer)

Portland's Beavers, fighting to keep their floundering ship ahead in the Pacific Coast league race, found the Seattle Rainiers close-hauled a half game behind them today, while six and a half lengths in the rear five California clubs were bunched in a tight battle for third place.

The Rainiers opened another seam in the loop-leaders craft last night by taking the first game of their crucial series in Beaverton.

Third-place Oakland's loss to San Francisco, and San Diego's second victory in a row over the fourth-spot Solons narrowed the gap between the third and seventh rungs to a game and a half. Hollywood's brightly-shining Stars nosed out Los Angeles for the second straight night to complete the night's schedule.

Seattle's 4-3 decision over Portland saw both teams score all their runs in the eighth inning. Beaver hurler Don Pulford's wildness plus an error by Shortstop Johnny O'Neill spotted the Rainiers to their four tallies, only two of which were earned. San Francisco's mound ace, Bob Joyce, rang up his 13th victory of the season in downing Oakland 5-2 to tie the series at one-all. Italo Chelini, who had the Indian sign on the Seals earlier in the year, was just another guy named Joe to the O'Doulmen who nicked him for three runs in the opening canto and then drove him from the mound in the fifth after two consecutive doubles had brought in one runner and set up San Francisco's other score, gained off Relief Hurler Mitch Chetkovich.

San Diego took a free-scoring game from Sacramento 13-11 in 11 innings, with Pitcher Vallie Eaves playing the hero role to give him his second victory in two nights. Eaves went in as a relief hurler in the 10th, held the Solon hitters for two innings and proceeded to win his own ball game by poling out a two-run homer in the first of the 11th. The two clubs used nine moundmen during the contest.

Hollywood again went into extra innings to win from Los Angeles 2-1 in the 10th frame. The game was a tight pitching battle all the way between Red Adams of the Angels and Ronnie Smith of the Stars.

## Lord Byron Top Favorite In Golf Open

PHILADELPHIA, June 14 (AP)—It's Lord Byron Nelson against the field today as the second annual Philadelphia Inquirer golf tournament opens with \$17,500 in war bonds as prizes.

Sammy Snead, favored by many to give Nelson his sternest battle, showed up with a sore wrist but turned in practice rounds of 68 and 70 at the Llanerch Country club. Par has been reduced from 72 to 70 for the tournament.

Defending Champion Sammy Byrd, of Detroit; U. S. Open Champion Craig Wood, of Maroonneck, N. T.; Harold "Jug" McSpaden, playing unattached and Henry Picard, of Harrisburg (Pa.) are in the field of 136 pros and amateurs.

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## Bums To Be Protected Against Fans

NEW YORK, June 14 (AP)—As an outgrowth of the Leo Durocher case, Branch Rickey, president and general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, was prepared today to protect his players against what he called "unfair abuse from the stands."

He told the team at a luncheon yesterday that the club's officers were "responsible for full protection to our players against unfair abuse," and he added "a public apology for any negligence on our part."

Rickey did not elaborate but presumably hecklers will be invited to leave the Brooklyn park.

Durocher, the Dodgers' loquacious manager, has been charged with felonious assault against John Christian, a fan, in an alleged altercation at Ebbets field Saturday night. He is at liberty on bail pending a hearing next week.

Rickey called the Dodgers "a team of ferocious gentlemen" and said they "will stand as a unit against indecent and vulgar remarks from those in the stands."

## SPURNS PRO FOOTBALL

EAST LANSING, June 14—Jack Breslin, Michigan State's brilliant triple-threat fullback and a strong candidate last fall for All America honors, has notified Coach Charlie Bachman he will spurn all offers to play professional football next year.

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## HOW THEY STAND

By The Associated Press AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Detroit	27	17	.614
New York	27	19	.587
Boston	21	23	.500
Chicago	21	24	.468
St. Louis	22	23	.489
Washington	21	24	.467
Cleveland	20	24	.452
Philadelphia	17	27	.386

Games Yesterday: Detroit 6, St. Louis 4; Chicago 3, Cleveland 3. Only games played.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
New York	28	20	.583
Pittsburgh	27	20	.571
Brooklyn	27	21	.563
St. Louis	26	22	.542
Chicago	23	20	.535
Boston	24	22	.522
Cincinnati	22	24	.479
Philadelphia	11	40	.218

Games Yesterday: Boston 8-4, Philadelphia 3-3 (2nd game 15 innings); Brooklyn 3, New York 2; Cincinnati 3, St. Louis 1. Only games scheduled.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Portland	42	20	.682
Seattle	41	29	.586
Oakland	37	37	.500
Sacramento	36	37	.493
San Francisco	35	37	.486
San Diego	36	36	.500
Los Angeles	35	38	.479
Hollywood	29	44	.398

Last Night's Results: Seattle 4, Portland 3; San Francisco 5, Oakland 2; Hollywood 2, Los Angeles 1 (10 innings); San Diego 13, Sacramento 11 (11 innings).

Tonight's Games: San Francisco at Oakland; Los Angeles at Hollywood; Seattle at Portland; San Diego at Sacramento.

## Hoop Jr. 3-2 Favorite In Preakness

By JOHN T. CHAFFIN  
BALTIMORE, June 14 (AP)—With a probable Preakness of 10 top three-year-olds by the Kentucky Derby winner Hoop Jr., a crowd of 50,000 is expected to flock to Pimlico's biggest stake today, with the prize for the eight-race card more than \$150,000.

Nomination fees already received for the \$20,000-added Preakness are \$50,000-added Preakness stakes on the gala program.

The \$30,000-added Preakness for three-year-olds is the \$20,000-added Preakness for three-year-olds. The \$30,000-added Preakness for two-year-olds; and the \$20,000-added Preakness for three-year-olds and the \$10,000-added Preakness for two-year-olds.

Right now, the odds favor Hoop Jr. at 3 to 2. Following last year's juvenile crown, Walter M. Jeffery's Preakness winner in eight 1944 Preaknesses, last year's winner, Albert Snider, native of Alberta, would ride the winner in the Preakness. Arcaro was up on the record at Churchill Downs on Sunday.

## ZANDER, FOX SIGNED

SPOKANE, June 14 (AP)—Heavyweight, and Tiger of Spokane, have been signed to head the June 22 Veterans club show, Promoter August said yesterday.

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