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Beau Jack And Johnny Greco Tangle Tonight With Nothing At Stake

SPORTS

Yanks Have Spare Tire On Keystone

NEW YORK, Feb. 8 (AP)—Unless Joe Gordon is kidding, he believes he or George Stirnweiss, his rival for the regular second base job on the New York Yankees, may be traded.

"What are the Yanks going to do with both of us?" queried Gordon yesterday in Chicago where he was en route to join his mates for the trip to Panama to start spring training. "It looks like one of us will be traded or moved to another position or draw a fat salary for sitting on the bench."

Of course, hardly anyone takes Gordon seriously. It seems inconceivable Manager Joe McCarthy would trade either Gordon, voted the most valuable player in the American league in 1942, or Stirnweiss, who won the league batting and base stealing titles last year.

It is felt in baseball circles that the two will stage a red-hot fight for the keystone job, with the loser moving to third base where Bill Johnson, 1943 regular, is not expected back until mid-summer. He is still in the army with insufficient points for a discharge. For the last two years, five volunteers have essayed the third base role without much success.

New Pheasant Farm Bought By State

PORTLAND, Feb. 8 (AP)—The new 280-acre game farm which the state game commission is purchasing south of Hermiston will be in production by 1947, the state game supervisor said today.

Frank B. Wire, reviewing game prospects in a speech before a businessmen's club, said the farm will raise 25,000 pheasants annually. Title on the purchase is expected to be cleared within a few days.

Wire declared that the commission would consider any raise in license fees "as feasible" particularly in view of the effect on wildlife of increasing tourist sportsmen.

He told the group that Ontario, Eugene and Corvallis pheasant farms all warrant immediate improvements.

For What It's Worth, Tunney Picks Louis

HAVANA, Feb. 8 (AP)—Former Heavyweight Champion Gene Tunney picks Joe Louis to knock out Billy Conn in three rounds when they meet at the Yankee stadium in June.

"Louis can kayo Conn in the first or second round if he wants to," Tunney said in an interview. "Joe is a far better all-around fighter than Conn ever will be."

Tunney is here on a 10-day vacation. He will referee Saturday's fight between the Gavilan Kid and Kid Bururu.

Victory Loop Cage Results

T & I vs. SEA SCOUTS

By a score of 17-12 the Trades and Industry Victory league cage saved defeated the Sea Scouts in loop play last night.

Neither team was particularly effective and in the first half the Scouts were able to make only one basket. Leo Northcutt collected six points for T & I, while Bill Carter tallied four for the Sailors.

Champ Leading In Billiards Money Match

WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 8 (AP)—Willie Mosconi, the pocket billiards champion of the world, who doesn't practice because he says it makes him relax, was off today to a commanding lead in a 10,750-point match with Jimmy Caras.

Mosconi, a 32-year-old marksman from Barrington, N. J., says he enjoys playing, "but I enjoy the money I get out of it more."

Willie estimates he'll get \$6000 to \$7000 from the current match, with Caras, which began Monday in Philadelphia and will wind up in Chicago.

Willie has run up a lead of 883 to 628 over his Wilmington competitor in eight blocks, winning seven of the blocks.

Columbia River Closed 60 Days

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 8 (AP)—Oregon and Washington have ordered a 60-day closure period on commercial fishing for the Columbia river during March and April.

Last year's 10-day March test period will not be duplicated, the Oregon fish commission and the Washington department of fisheries announced.

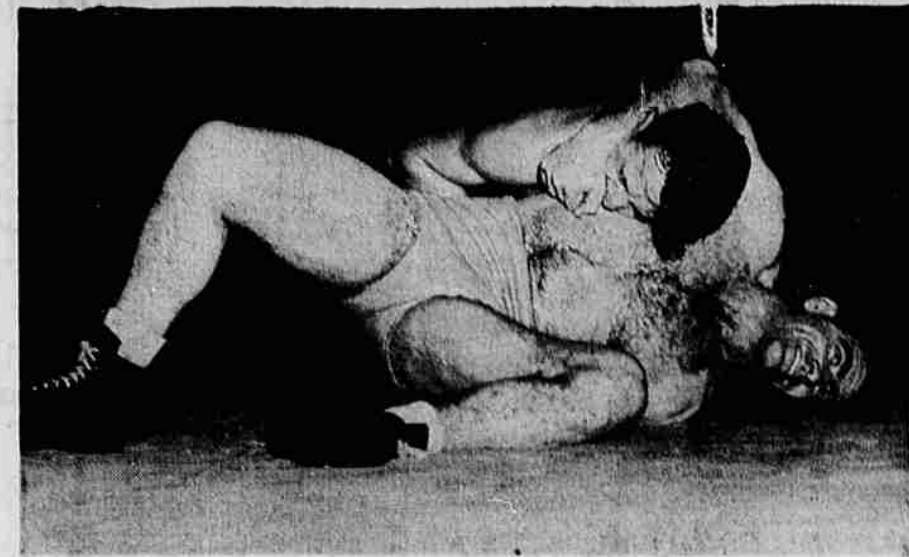
DUCKS INCREASED

NEW YORK, Feb. 8 (AP)—American and Canadian sportsmen have helped, through a conservation program, to increase the North American duck population by 100,000,000 during the last 10 years, John Bracken, Canadian progressive conservation leader, said last night. He spoke at the annual dinner of Ducks Unlimited.

SKI TOURNEY

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8 (AP)—California's first ski tournament since 1942 has attracted more than 50 entrants to the events which will be held Sunday at the Auburn Ski club's lodge at Donner summit on Highway 40, the winter sports committee of the state chamber of commerce reported today.

Lynam Clings Tenaciously To Johnson's Head



Jumping Joe Lynam is shown here with a death grip on Gust Johnson's head, but the Viking is getting a good lick in for himself by maintaining a hammerlock on the Redmond, Ore., athlete's brawny arm. This bit of action was captured on film at the armory last Tuesday. As tentatively scheduled now, Lynam will grip with Dude Chick in the main go next Thursday night and Gust Johnson will meet a newcomer from Michigan, Red Dawson, in the opener.

WOMAN ROLLS 300 DUCKPINS

CINCINNATI, Feb. 8 (AP)—Mrs. Mary Anderson, who rolled an unequalled perfect game in duck pin bowling using rubberneck pins, those last two frames gave me the worst three minutes I've ever had in my life!

The slight, 31-year-old housewife, who lives at nearby Bethel, O., turned in her 300 pins in 10 consecutive frames last week at the Fent bowling alleys in Bethel.

"I didn't start thinking about it until I had seven strikes in a row, then the pressure started to get heavy. I got past the eighth all right but I rolled the ninth and tenth frames in a sort of a daze."

Charlie Fent, owner of the alleys, said Mrs. Anderson began bowling duck pins last fall. "I've heard of bowlers rolling 300 duck pins using rubberneck pins. Those are duck pins with heavy rubber bands around the middle to make them thicker, bouncier and easier to knock over. This is the first time I've ever heard of a woman, or a man either, getting 300 with regulation pins," Fent asserted.

In Washington D. C., Arville Ebersole, president of the National Duck Pin Congress, said if Mrs. Anderson's feat was performed on regulation alleys with regulation pins "it is the first time in the recorded history of the game it has been accomplished by either man or woman."

Citizens Salvage Jettisoned Lumber

HOQUIAM, Wash., Feb. 8 (AP)—Thousands of feet of lumber jettisoned from the lumber schooner Whitney Olson when it was endangered off the Oregon coast during the recent storms, is washing up on the beaches around here, and scores of Grays Harbor citizens are thronging the sands, salvaging the precious boards for their own use.

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Nelson In Driver's Seat As Texas Links Open Starts

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 8 (AP)—The \$7500 Texas Open swung into its first round today with Byron Nelson somewhat reluctantly accepting the role of favorite.

The tall Texan, who has won 21 tournaments in little more than a year, has been complaining that he's off his game and has been getting in several hours of practice daily in an effort to correct it. But the folks around Brackenridge Park course must think it's a psychological move because plenty still are willing to back Nelson against the field with cash.

Nelson's scores have been unimpressive. Yesterday he posted a 72—one over par—as he played in the pro-amateur event and said he was sadly deficient in putting. The other golfers joked about it but Byron indicated it wasn't particularly funny to him.

Nelson might take the lead in money winning for the year to date although missing three of five tournaments if he should capture first prize of \$1000 here. Nelson and two other Texans furnish the big three in earnings. Ben Hogan has grabbed off \$6200 in bonds to be No. 1 for the year. Nelson is second with \$4600. He won the Los Angeles and San Francisco Opens before leaving the tour to handle some private business and have a physical check-up. In third place is Jimmie Demaret with \$4000.

There will be 130 in the field that plays 18 holes today and 18 tomorrow. Then it will be cut to the 60 low scorers and ties for the final 36 holes Sunday.

Night Dates For Dog, Horse Racing Okayed

PORTLAND, Feb. 8 (AP)—The Oregon racing commission authorized 60 nights of dog racing and 40 days of horse racing today.

Portland Meadows was granted 40 race days between July 27 to October 12. Races may not be held, however, during the Multnomah county fair, August 19-24, and the Salem state fair, September 2-7.

Multnomah Kennel club was granted a greyhound meet from May 14 to July 26, with a four-night halt during the Rose festival.

Webfoots Tumble Before Fee's, 57-51

EUGENE, Oregon, Feb. 8 (AP)—The University of Oregon Webfoots went down in defeat to the powerful Fee's Rollerdom Five here last night with the final score standing 57 to 51.

Fee's Warren Perkins, former Tulane frosh stationed in Portland with the army, led the scoring with 25 points.

The game was deadlocked four times until the Rollerdomers took a slim lead just before the half, which ended 31-28.



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