

From MIDFIELD

By HALE SCARBROUGH

Well, the Mexicans are apparently doing all right in their campaign to get into the baseball picture. Strategy of the outlaw loop in acquiring U. S. ball players has been to flash around plenty of bankroll and that is one sure way of reaching a player's heart.

Most recent diamond star to go Mexican is Mickey Owen, first-string catcher of the Brooklyn Dodgers and one of the best backstops in the majors. Mickey just got out of the navy and sent his old boss, Branch Rickey, word not to hold his job open any longer because he had signed a five-year Mexican contract as player-manager. He received a \$12,500 bonus for quitting the Brooklyn diamond.

Owen is the second player the Brooks have lost to the so-called "outlaw" league. Luis Olmo, hard-hitting outfielder, was one of the first Mexican recruits. The Latin-Americans are now beginning to get to the top-notch baseball boys with their peso reservoir. Vern Stephens, star shortstop of the St. Louis Browns went south for the climate and the cash last week and George Hausmann, who was regular keystone man for the Giants last summer, joined the Mexicans yesterday, along with a couple of other New Yorkers.

Super-stars Hank Greenberg, Ted Williams and Bob Feller have been offered to write their own tickets to come down and play ball for the Mexicans but so far have turned the peso overtures down flat.

Before things get started and just to see what kind of a baseball prognosticator we are, we'll choose the St. Louis Cardinals to win the National league pennant and the New York Yankees to cop the American league flag. About the first of October, correct us if we're wrong.

We made a terrific mistake the other day in listing the grade school B basketball champions as from Fremont. They're from Roosevelt and we're very unhappy about the error.

Marble Cook, former KUHS coach who mentored football at Portland's Jefferson high, is out again since Eric Waldorf, who has been in the China-Burma-India war theater for a year with the Red Cross, has returned to his job.

The Southern Oregon baseball league will open the season May 19, Sunday, with Canyonville at Roseburg, Crescent City at Grants Pass, Medford Babes at Ashland, and Central Point vs. Medford Craters at Medford.

Central Point is still undecided as to whether a team will be fielded, but Klamath Falls, Yreka and Butte Falls are also mentioned as prospective participants.

Wesley Robinson, sports editor of the KUHS Krater, pulled a 26-pound beauty of a salmon out of the Rogue river Saturday. The catch was made near the mouth of the Rogue at Gold Beach.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT
By The Associated Press
BALTIMORE—Joey Maxim, 186, Cleveland, O., outpointed Buddy Walker, 199, Columbus, O. (10).

CHICAGO—Johnny Roszina, 150, Milwaukee, Wis., outpointed Art Brown, 150, Chicago (10).
PITTSBURGH—Billy Fox, 167, Philadelphia, knocked out Ossie (Bulldog) Harris, 165, Pittsburgh (10).

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Lake Trout Caught In Upper Lake



Bob Andrews, local fisherman, is shown holding a string of lake trout he pulled from Upper Klamath lake, angling from the bank yesterday morning. The two longest of this quartet measure about 20 inches.

\$100 Top Louis-Conn Tariff

NEW YORK, April 2 (AP)—The ballyhoo wheels started revolving in earnest today for the most fabulous fight in boxing history—the return heavyweight title bout between Champion Joe Louis and Billy Conn at the Yankee stadium on June 19.

Challenger Billy, the Pittsburgh dandy, looking in fine shape at 180 pounds, was scheduled to shove off to his permanent training headquarters at Greenwood Lakes, N. J., 24 hours after Promoter Mike Jacobs had fixed a top price of \$100 for ringside seats, the highest ever charged officially for a fight.

This is 300 per cent more than the \$25 top for the first Louis-Conn shindig at the Polo Grounds in 1941 and 100 per cent more than the \$50 top charged for Tex Rickard's famous fights involving Jack Dempsey in the "golden twenties" era.

Announcement of the \$100 tariff, at which Jacobs previously had hinted, plus a scale of \$50, \$30, \$20 and \$10 for less advantageous seats in the 100,000-capacity stadium, assured a record gross gate of \$3,000,000 or better for the long anticipated return go.

The present gate record is the \$2,658,660 paid by 104,943 spectators for the second Dempsey-Gene Tunney scrap in Chicago in September, 1927.

Conn, knocked out in the 13th round in his first chance at the title, will merely strike a few poses for newspaper photographers when he arrives at Greenwood Lakes today. He plans to start serious training tomorrow.

Louis, meantime, is working out at West Baden, Ind., where he has been since March 1. He will switch later to Pompton Lakes, N. J.

Blackjack Billy Fox Scores 38th Consecutive Knockout

PITTSBURGH, April 2 (AP)—Blackjack Billy Fox proved conclusively he punches for keeps in running his sensational knockout string to 38 straight last night—but the clouting kid himself admits after a stormy session with battle-scarred Ossie (Bulldog) Harris that he still needs experience.

It took Fox until 2:15 of the last round of a sensational 10-rounder to deck Gamecock Ossie for the full count—longer and harder than Philadelphia Billy has had to travel since he first started punching for pay.

Harris, who spotted Fox two pounds at 165, gave everything else away but heart and in that the chunky Pittsburgher was in a class by himself.

The battle gave a crowd of 5167, which paid a net of \$15,847.46 one of the most spine-tingling evenings Pittsburgh boxing fans have enjoyed in years.

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SPORTS

By Hale Scarborough, Sports Editor

Mex Plans More Aches For Majors

Pasquel Declares More Big Leaguers On Their Way South

MEXICO CITY, April 2 (AP)—Mexico League President Jorge Pasquel believes he has another little bombshell in the making for the major leagues.

Quite pleased over his acquisition of Mickey Owen, Vern Stephens and three New York Giants' players in the past few days, the dapper baseball magnate declared yesterday that "two or three other" big leaguers soon will be playing in his circuit.

He declined to name them but said they should be here next week.

With his eight clubs already stocked with 17 former major leaguers, Pasquel indicated that he soon will bring an end to his raiding for the current season. Pasquel, who with his four brothers, dominates the loop which has no ties with organized baseball, said, however, that he already is angling for the 1947 season.

The Mexico league presently limits each of its eight teams to eight foreign players but with the recent additions and the few more expected shortly it was believed that the ceiling would be raised. Besides the Americans, the circuit has many diamond luminaries from Cuba, Salvador, Panama and other Latin American countries.

Pasquel didn't disclose the salaries he was going to pay Owen or the Giants' trio—First Baseman Roy Zimmerman, Second Baseman George Hausmann and Pitcher Sal Maglie—but the ballplayers have revealed some of the terms.

Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, said at Daytona Beach, Fla., that Owen wrote him he was going to get a cash bonus of \$12,500 for signing his five-year contract.

The former Giants said they are to get \$5000 bonuses plus \$13,000 a year.

One Bright Spot In Dodger Lineup

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—April 2 (AP)—With Mickey Owen gone to the Mexico league and six important members of the squad ailing, the only bright note in the camp of the Brooklyn Dodgers is the flashy twirling being exhibited by Hal Gregg.

The fast-balling righthander pitched a two-hitter in seven innings yesterday against Jersey City's Giants, faced only 21 batters and fanned seven. The sideline stars are Pete Reiser, Billy Herman, Cookie Lavagetto, Don Pudget, Augie Galan and Dixie Walker.

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New Director



John B. Ebinger, Klamath Falls attorney, has been elected to the national board of directors, Isank Walton league, it was learned here today. An ardent sportsman, Ebinger is a past state president of the league and was president of the Klamath-Modoc chapter here for several years.

Retriever Group May Be Formed

A Klamath Falls branch of the Oregon Retriever Trial club may be organized here before next duck season, Dick Morgan, Keno sportsman, said today.

Charles Snell of Portland, president of the Oregon club, contacted Morgan yesterday asking him to see what the sentiment down here is about forming a dog group here, and several local sportsmen, including H. E. Hauger, Dr. Ralph Stearns, Vern Moore, Elmer Balsiger, Pat Montgomery, Dr. J. W. Peak and Dr. C. V. Rugh, are interested.

A meeting will be called of persons interested to formulate plans for the group and probably field trials will be conducted here during duck season.

The plan calls for licensed trials here and the winner's points to count toward national retriever championship.

Dog owners and sportsmen who would like to see the club organized here may contact Morgan, phone 7869, for details and further information.

BOSTON—Timothy (Buddy) Hayes, 127, Boston, outpointed Benny Maye, 127 1/2, Montreal (10).

NEW YORK—Julio Jimenez, 138, Mexico, outpointed Cleo Shaws, 138, Los Angeles (10).

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Council By-Passes Baseball

By HALE SCARBROUGH

Klamath's one remaining chance to get into the baseball picture this summer rests with the American Legion now as the city council last night laterally passed the initiative to Lynn Roycroft and the veterans organization.

The \$2500 snag, the amount estimated as needed to renovate Recreation field for play this year, is just more money than the city wants to put out for a temporary ball diamond. The councilmen could see four or five hundred dollars but not \$2500.

Apparently, from small talk around the council table, the council has a long-range sports and recreation program in mind but that program hasn't gone much further than the talking stage.

Roycroft was asked to contact Legion leaders to see whether that organization would be interested in taking over Recreation field, pay for the repairs and improvements, and operate the ball park this summer. He is to put the proposal before the Legion tonight.

Mayor Ed Ostendorf said last night that he thinks a permanent field should be built at Veterans Memorial park, some time in the future. Veterans Memorial park is still more of a theory than an actuality.

Roycroft asked the council if the city could be expected to put up the money to get Recreation field in shape for this summer, or would the Legion have to do it, and if the Legion did take over the field would it have complete control without city interference and, if so, for how long?

The only part of the question answered was an inference that the city does not intend to spend any \$2500 on the field.

Yanks Clout 17-0 Win Over Beaumont

HOUSTON, Tex., April 2 (AP)—Having walloped their Beaumont, Texas league farm club 17-0 yesterday, the New York Yankees hope to flash some of the same hitting power against the Houston Buffs, another Texas league squad, today.

Charley Keller and Joe Di Maggio gave the 7571 fans at Beaumont an eye full of their clouting prowess. Keller poled two homers and drove in seven runs while Di Maggio connected for a homer and four singles in five trips to the plate.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

Watch for the OPENING OF SUNSET LODGE Highway 97, 1/2 Mile South of Fort Klamath Junction

Keneston-Ross Tiff Seen As Crowd-Pleasing Tossup

On paper the Bob Keneston-Tough Tony Ross tiff this coming Thursday night bids to be the most main of two scheduled main event rassling bouts.

Past performances of the two muscular battlers show not a nickel's worth of difference in the strength, agility or inclination to get rough in the duo and it should be a touch-and-go affair from the opening gong.

Few spectators will concede Frankie Clemons much of a chance against the current top hand on the circuit, Martino Angelo, in the other six-round match, but the Indian grappler volunteered for duty against

Angelo and apparently tite to hold his own.

Frankie may be fast enough to keep away from the clasp of Angelo but Joe Lynam also a speedster and manager managed to get to him for coast junior heavy title.

The opener Thursday should be an exceptional one as both Paavo Katonen and Szasz are artisans of the game.

Paavo had to call off his scheduled appearance in armory because of a bungled knee but feels he's able to get the gaff for three 10-minute frames now.

Baseball Scores

By The Associated Press
Chicago (A) 9, Pittsburgh (N) 4
Brooklyn (N) "B" 7, New York (A) "B" 6
Brooklyn (N) 5, Jersey City (IL) 3
Philadelphia (A) 5, Baltimore (IL) 1
St. Louis (A) 5, Chicago (N) 4
St. Louis (N) 3, Cleveland (A) 2
Boston (A) 3, Cincinnati (N) 3 (first game)
Boston (A) 4, Cincinnati (N) 2 (second game)
New York (A) 17, Beaumont (TL) 0
Miami Beach (FIL) 7, Philadelphia (N) 6

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