

# Big League Bats Rap Against Horsehide

By JACK HAND  
NEW YORK, April 16 (AP)—Baseball goes big league again today as the 1946 season opens in eight cities before an estimated 225,000 fans, eager to see the real stuff instead of the synthetic wartime brand of play.

Although the weather forecasts are cool, cloudy weather in most of the parks, the turnstiles are due to click their merriest tune since the all-time high of 249,010 in 1931.

Detroit will top the list with a turnout of 50,000 plus at Briggs stadium to watch the defending world champion Tigers wrestle with the St. Louis Browns.

Only four members of Man-

ager Steve O'Neill's 1945 World Series cast will be in the starting lineup and one of them, Lefty Nello, will be on the hill to oppose Nelson Potter, Hank Greenberg, rookie first baseman, second baseman Eddie Mayo and catcher Paul Richards are the others.

The Chicago Cubs will stick with their National league pennant-winning order, with the exception of right field where Rookie Mary Rickert will supplant Bill Nicholson as the Bruin's open in Cincinnati. Claude Passeau, who threw the one-hitter against the Tigers in the series, will take the hill against either Joe Beggs or Nate An-

draws. The Reds usually sell out opening day and another turnout of more than 30,000 including Commissioner A. B. (Happy) Chandler is due to watch Freshman Grady Hatton, who was paid a \$25,000 bonus for signing, make his pro debut.

President Truman will throw out the first ball at Washington where 30,000 will see the Senators square off against the Boston Red Sox. Next to the president, Ted Williams of Boston will be the greatest attraction. Tex Hughson of the Sox will oppose Roger Wolff on the hill.

Philadelphia will get first look at the prewar New York Yankees with Joe DiMaggio, Phil Rizzuto, Tommy Henrich and Bill

Dickey heading the cast against the A's. The Mackmen have nominated Russ Christopher to go against Spud Chandler with 25,000 customers expected. Charley Keller and Joe Gordon will miss the first tilt because of slight injuries.

Rapid Robert Feller, who tossed a no-hitter against Chicago just six years ago in the opener, will try to do it again as the Cleveland tribe takes on the White Sox before 18,000 at Comiskey park. Specs Deltrich will throw for the Hoos.

Eddie Dyer makes his bow as a big league manager at home in St. Louis where the Cardinals, odds on favorite in the National, tangle with Pittsburgh. First

Sacker Dick Sisler and Catcher Del Wilber will be the Card's starting freshmen and Shortstop Bill Cox and Outfielder Ralph Kiner will make the bows for the Pirates. Dyer will send Johnny Beazley, apparently recovered from his sore arm miseries, to the mound to duel with Lefty Fritz Ostermueller. A turnout of 18,000 is expected.

New York is slated to contribute 40,000 to the opening turnout to watch Mel Ott's slugging Giants test the rejuvenated Phillies. Manager Mel Ott has tabbed Bill Voiselle to do the honors for the home forces against Lefty Oscar Judd. It will be Boss Ben Chapman's first chance to test his new theory

on stopping National league power with southpaw pitching.

Brooklyn's "Kiddie Corps" will open in Boston where Billy Southworth will be making his first appearance. The management thinks 15,000 will come out to watch Rookie Johnny Sain try his tricks against either Hal Gregg or Kirby Higbe.

Leo Durocher won't name a definite starting lineup until game time but he is expected to go with three brand new faces in the outfield, reading from left to right, Dick Whitman, Carl Furillo and Gene Hermanski. Ferrell Anderson, who never played a big league game, will do his catching.

## Good Fishing On Rogue Reported

Fine weather and good fishing at Lowery's camp 18 miles up the Rogue river was reported by a group of fishermen who returned Sunday from a four-day trip.

The group included Matt Finnigan, Stanley Miller, Dr. John D. Merryman, John Shaw, Louis Soukup, Albert Stiles and Bill Sheldon. Nine good sized salmon were taken by the group and a good run is due along the Rogue now, Finnigan predicts.

He advises those planning to go salmon fishing to write for reservations in advance and include a deposit for camp accommodations.

## OSC Netmen Slate Tilt With Bearcats

CORVALLIS, April 16 (AP)—The Oregon State college tennis team will meet Willamette university here tomorrow.

## Ashland Net Team Wins KUHS Match

The Ashland tennis team, 1945 Southern Oregon conference champs and sparked by Jim Jandreau and Don Provost, two of the best netmen produced in the loop in many years, defeated Klamath Union high school at Ashland Saturday afternoon.

Crawford, Zupan and Ben Larson of Klamath won singles matches and Crawford and Veitch lost one close set of doubles and Zupan and Hover lost another.

Results: Perrin (K) lost to Provost (A), 0-6, 1-6; Linman (K) lost to Jandreau (A), 1-6, 1-6; Crawford (K) won from Frazier (A), 3-6, 7-5 and 6-2; Veitch (K) lost to Randles (A), 3-6, 5-7; Zupan (K) beat Bailey (A), 6-4, 6-4; and Larson (K) won from Martin (A), 6-4, 3-6 and 6-3.

In the doubles Perrin and Linman (K) lost to Provost and Frazier (A), 2-6, 3-6; Veitch and Crawford (K) lost to Randles and Bailey (A), 7-5, 4-6 and 0-6; and Zupan and Hover (K) lost to Martin and Randles (A), 2-6, 6-4 and 4-6.

The two teams meet at Moore park Thursday afternoon for return sets.

## Rhythm On The River



Scantily-clad Nancy Stille, wretched in rhythm and a two-piece swim suit, would dress up any sports page as she travels mile-a-minute on water skis at Lakeland, Fla.

## Braves Purchase Ray Sanders

BOSTON, April 16 (AP)—First division stock of the Braves soared today with the news that the club had purchased graceful Ray Sanders, St. Louis Cardinal regular first baseman and the past four seasons, and Matthew (Max) Surkont, a rugged, right handed pitcher from the same club.

The up and coming Braves gave as their part of the deal, first of many likely in this first postwar season, a "substantial amount of cash" and infielder Tommy Nelson.

Nelson, who only appeared in 40 of the Braves' games last season, now is at his west coast home with his sick young son. He will be assigned to Columbus, the Redbird's farm in the American association.

Characterized by his new, and also old manager, Billy Southworth, as "one of the best clutch hitters in the business," Sanders may give the Braves the needed fillip to gain them a first division berth in the scramble with Pittsburgh and New York.

## Yanks Send Hurler Ardizio To Oaks

NEW YORK, April 16 (AP)—The New York Yankees cut two more players off their roster today, sending Pitcher Rinaldo (Ruger) Ardizio to Oakland of the Pacific Coast league and infielder Joe Buzas to Newark of the International league.

Ardizio, a 26-year-old right-hander from San Francisco, played with Kansas City in 1942 before he entered the armed service. Buzas opened the season as the Yankee shortstop in 1945 but was shipped to Newark in midseason. He hit .225 in 61 games with the Bears.

## Hollywood Gardener Hits .474 For PCL Stick Lead

LOS ANGELES, April 16 (AP)—Cully Rikard, Hollywood outfielder, took over the batting lead of the Pacific Coast league with a robust .474 mark through games of last Friday. Statistician Leo Moriarty disclosed today.

Rikard displaced third-baseman Ted Jennings of San Francisco, who slipped to second

with .409. Jack Burnett of Oakland and Lloyd Christopher, Los Angeles, were tied for third with .400.

Christopher and Ed Sauer, Los Angeles, paced home run swatters with three each, while Oakland's Les Scarsella had 11 runs batted in, tops in that department.

Hollywood, with three others besides Rikard in the first 15, led club batting with .274, followed by San Francisco, .271; Portland, .244; Seattle, .241; Oakland, .235; San Diego, .230; Los Angeles, .226; and Sacramento, .216.

## Council Okays Baseball Field

The city council last night okayed without further discussion a recommendation of the council's recreation committee that \$1500 be spent in putting Recreation park baseball diamond into shape.

Fred Robinson, member of the recreation committee, was also given the green light on starting work on the field, following the plan for moving the diamond to the southwest corner of the enclosed field.

Some preliminary work was done last night and tonight prospective ball players for the Sons of Italy lodge team, Northern California league, will hold a workout.

M. G. Carpenter, manager of the team, has issued a call for all ball players interested in berths on the team to come out to Recreation park with their equipment this afternoon at 5:30.

## Ikes Meeting At Willard Tomorrow

Members, old and new, of the Klamath Modoc chapter, Izaak Walton league, will meet Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Willard hotel for a discussion of fish and wildlife news and a dutch lunch.

This meeting will climax a membership drive conducted by Andy Andrews which has been underway for the past three weeks.

Many items of fishing and hunting gear are up for prizes to the Izaak Walton members bringing in the most new members, the prizes donated by various local sporting goods stores.

## Beavers Win Fourth Ball Game In Row

CORVALLIS, April 16 (AP)—Oregon States college registered its fourth consecutive baseball win in collegiate competition yesterday, downing Pacific university 9 to 5.

The Beavers, trailing 4-5 in the sixth, went out in front when Pete Kruger, sophomore pitcher, cleared the sacks with a triple.

Both the halibut's eyes are on its right side.

## Second Six Round Bout On Thursday

Another six-round fight has been scheduled for the armory rasses Thursday night, making two of the full-length features on this week's mat docket.

Tony Ross will grapple the second of the main go bouts with Indian Frankie Clemons. Georges Dusette and Martino Angelo are signed for the other half of the double header.

The opener will be a three-frame bout between Al Saz and Angelo Martinelli, a pair of the most popular musclemen on the circuit.

Dusette has not appeared in Klamath Falls since last summer having been keeping himself fairly close to the centers of population, Portland and Seattle, and from all reports has been doing very well on the northern mats.

He is best known for his bouts here last summer, with such glowing ring personalities as the Grey Mask, Gorgeous George Wagner, Sneezy Acheiu and Kenny Aekles. Dusette is the standing full nelson man.

Frankie Clemons, the Indian paralyzer man, will have his hands full trying to clamp his favored and unorthodox clutch on slippery Tony Ross, but Frankie's hold is no respecter of men once he gets it applied.

## Eugene Pro Wins First PGA Round

PORTLAND, April 16 (AP)—Wendell Wood, Eugene golf pro, stroked two under par 70 here yesterday afternoon to win his first round in the Oregon Professional Golfers association's revived match play tournament.

Wood defeated Johnny Langford, Portland, to win after posting a 77 qualifying round earlier in the day. Al Zimmerman, Portland, took medalist honors in the qualifying rounds with a one under par 71. Other qualifying scores: Jim Russell, Salem, 78; Bob Litton, The Dalles, 77.

The aloha is a perennial plant, and grows to a height of about one foot.

## Rowland Raps Solon Protest

LOS ANGELES, April 16 (AP)—"I want Coast league games won on the field, not by technicalities."

With that statement, Pacific Coast League President Clarence Rowland yesterday disallowed a protest by Sacramento on a Hollywood victory in the first game of a doubleheader April 7. The Sacs complained that only eight names were on the Hollywood lineup as presented to the umpire.

Rowland, however, fined Umpire Bill Doran and Hollywood Manager Buck Faussett \$25 each for negligence.

He also levied a \$50 fine on Sacramento Pitcher Guy Fletcher for "using abusive and profane" language last Sunday during a dispute with Umpire Al Flores.

## SPORTS

By Hale Scarborough, Sports Editor

## Mike May Use Television For Louis-Conn Fisticuffs

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., April 16 (AP)—Thousands of boxing fans will see champion Joe Louis and challenger Billy Conn battle it out for the heavyweight championship June 19 from "ringside seats" in movie theatres, simultaneously with Yankee stadium spectators, if Promoter Mike Jacobs carries out his newest idea.

The head of the Twentieth Century Sporting club witnessed a television wrestling match here yesterday and promptly declared it "wouldn't surprise" him if plans to cast the Yankee stadium bout onto screens in theatres and in Madison Square Garden were carried out.

Uncle Mike and Madison Square Garden officials flew here yesterday for the television demonstration which they witnessed in company with Gen-

eral Electric officials. The wrestlers put on their show in GE's television station WRGB. The bout was cast onto a 12 by 15-foot screen in the Civic playhouse.

Jacobs didn't indicate how far from New York City or in how many theatres the project would be practicable.

Declaring he was pleased with the "clarity" of the demonstration, Jacobs said in an interview:

"It wouldn't surprise me if we could go through with our plans to have the Louis-Conn meeting televised on large screens."

## Kahut On Short End Of Fight Odds

LOS ANGELES, April 16 (AP)—Fitzy Fitzpatrick, the West Virginia coal miner, is a 10-3 favorite tonight over Joe Kahut of Portland in the 10-round main event at Olympic auditorium.

The light-heavyweights are notorious mixers and steaming punch tossers, and Kahut is getting considerable backing on the strength of a decision victory in Portland in October which some writers called one of the most bitter fights in Oregon history.

Each has recorded 22 knockouts in 39 professional engagements.

## FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

ST. LOUIS—Sal Bartolo, 128, Boston, stopped Art Cooper, 131, St. Louis, (4, non title).

TROY, N. Y.—Joey Albina, 157, Brooklyn, outpointed Antonio Carmona, 154, Puerto Rico, (10).

BOSTON—Tommy Sullivan, 173, Boston, knocked out Bat Sebastian, 169, Los Angeles, (6).

BALTIMORE—Elmer "Violent" Ray, 194, Miami, Fla., knocked out Colton Chaney, 182, Indianapolis, (1).

TAMPA, Fla.—Tommy Gomez, 199, Tampa, knocked out Freddie Schoot, 214, Paterson, N. J., (1).

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