

# From MIDFIELD

By HALE SCARBROUGH

## Foreign Weapons

There are a great many souvenir guns in town right now, picked up on the battlefield or acquired in the many devious ways servicemen overseas had of acquiring things, and brought back home but for the most part gun experts here in town will tell you to have these foreign weapons checked over carefully before firing them.

That goes mainly for persons who are toying with the idea of burning up ammunition in some American amusement in a war souvenir gun.

American ammunition of the correct size will fit most any German or Italian gun, but it's a good idea to make sure first that the weapon hasn't been repaired or that the American ammunition doesn't put more strain on the breech than the gun was designed for.

Most of the German guns are very good. The Luger, chambered for German 9-mm parabolium ammo will take U. S. 9-mm cartridges, as will the P-38 Walther, which is an excellent hand gun.

The Italians had a fine pistol in the Beretta which fired 7.65-mm shells identical to our .32 automatic, and the Italian 9-mm Corto is identical to our .380 Colt automatic.

The Gun Store on Main can take any of these foreign guns for a one-day check to determine whether it's safe for use and set the owner straight on what kind of ammunition should be used, either reloads of foreign casings or American ammunition.

Reloaded 7 and 8-mm shells can be obtained now and 9-mm shells can be reloaded to any grain weight if empty casings are brought in.

No gun expert will recommend the use of U. S. ammunition in a foreign gun, although several types fit various outland weapons. As far as Japanese weapons are concerned, they're better for hanging over the mantel than anything else. You can't trust the Japs and you can't trust their weapons, either.

Matt Finnigan has had a number of calls for advice on use of German guns, Mausers and the like, and he recommends a thorough checkover by an arms expert before firing.

Bell hardware has also had numerous calls for advice on European guns and has refused to sell ammunition for guns which might not be capable of handling American shells.

There hasn't been any Luger or Mauser ammunition put on the market and probably no ammunition loaded for Jap rifles in this country.

It's a good idea to know that you're getting the right stuff for the right gun and just the fact that an American cartridge will fit into the chamber of a foreign gun doesn't necessarily mean that your arm isn't going to be blown off if you pull the trigger.

Better get some expert advice before using those souvenirs.

## Frisco Swimmers Stop Here Overnight

Ann Curtis and her boyfriend of San Francisco merrymade temporary visitors to Klamath Falls Monday night and Tuesday, stopping off here for the night on their way home after the national indoor swimming meet in Seattle.

With Miss Curtis were Patsy Elsener, Patsy Sinclair and Rose Kaufman, Charles Sava, swimming coach, and Frank McGuigan, diving coach. The girls are members of San Francisco's Crystal Plunge swimming team.

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# Baseball Back On Gold Standard

By JACK HAND  
Baseball is back on the gold standard today with such pre-war glamour names as Joe DiMaggio, Bobby Feller, Ted Williams and Hank Greenberg in the headlines once again.

Mel Ott and Hal Newhouse were the only holdovers from the wartime campaigns in the select circle, dominated by ex-GIs, that delighted 236,730 fans at yesterday's eight big league openers.

The first day of the 1946 campaign, widely hailed as the beginning of a new golden era in sports, was a huge success both financially and artistically. Attendance showed more than a 100 per cent increase over the 1945 figures and was the second highest in history.

DiMaggio, Williams, Greenberg and Ott revived the home run fever that has been running low in wartime seasons and Feller, Newhouse and Spud Chandler showed the boys some fancy pre-war chucking.

The Newhouse-Greenberg team probably was the most eye-arresting of the lot. Lefty Hal spun a neat six-hitter for his first opening day win but he needed big Hank's line-drive homer to get a 2-1 decision for the world champion Detroit Tigers over Nelson Potter and the St. Louis Browns before the day's largest crowd, 52,118.

DiMaggio and Chandler also provided a one-two punch for the New York Yankees who appear to be headed back toward

the heights. Jolting Joe's 400-foot clout with Tommy Henrich on base cased the ace righthander along the way to a five-hit 5-0 shutout of Philadelphia as Shibe park's largest opening day turnout, 37,472, watched in awe.

Williams, making his first big league appearance since 1942, thrilled President Truman and 30,372 Washington fans with a 430-foot home run, the longest seen at Griffith stadium in 13 years. Tex Hughson sprinkled 11 Senator hits along the route for a 6-3 Boston verdict over Roger Wolff.

Feller turned in the prize blanking of Chicago but the Cleveland fireball artist needed a belly-flop catch by Bob Lemon, another ex-GI, to save the

game in the ninth inning. A chilled crowd of 20,106 watched Feller win his duel with Specs Dietrich.

New York Giant power, widely advertised all spring, was very much in evidence as Manager Ott's 511th round tripper sparked the Polo grounders to an 8-4 decision over the Phillies. After Ott and Ernie Lombardi had delivered early homers, Danny Murtaugh and Ron Northey found the range on Bill Voiselle to give the Giants and the 33,683 spectators a thorough scare.

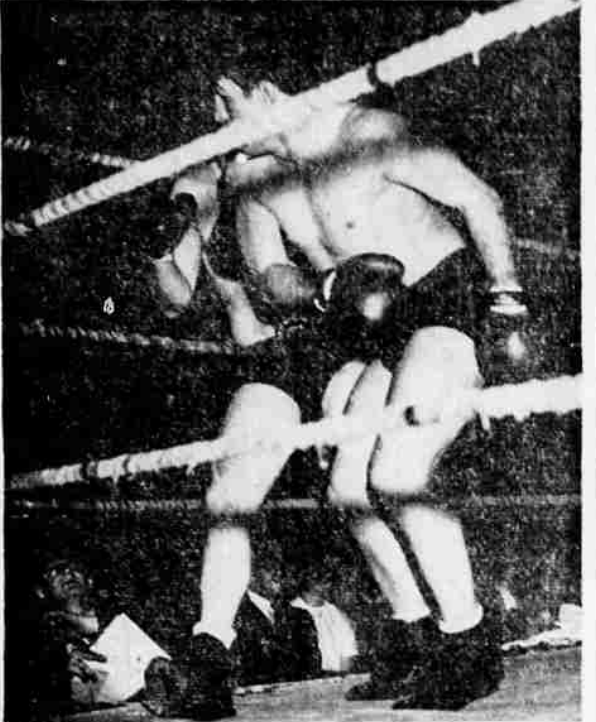
The vaunted St. Louis Cardinal pitching staff went haywire, yielding 11 hits, two wild pitches, eight walks and a hit batsman in losing to Pittsburgh, 6-4, before 14,000 payees. Starter

Johnny Beazley was clouted early and often but reliever Harry Brecheen lost the verdict to Fireman Ken Heintzelman.

Chicago's National League champs had to rally with four runs in the ninth to shade Cincinnati, 4-3, after Joe Beggs had held them to one hit in the first eight innings. The Reds had their customary large opening turnout, 30,699 paid.

A muffed fly by rookie outfielder Gene Hermanski and a boot by Shortstop Pee Wee Reese enabled Boston to score two unearned runs and a 5-3 win over Brooklyn. Boston turned out 18,261 strong to watch Billy Southworth make a successful debut as Braves' manager. Johnny Sain outlasted Hal Gregg for the pitching verdict.

## Ross Jars Keneston With Right



Tough Tony Ross is shown here following through on a right swing at Bob Keneston's jaw during their glove battle in the army last Thursday. Ross will return to his best form as a rasher tomorrow night, battling a six-round bout with Indian Frankie Clemons.

## Happy Bars Legal Door On Jumpers

CINCINNATI, April 17 (AP)—Baseball players who jumped their American contracts to play in foreign leagues have been suspended for at least five years by Commissioner A. B. Chandler.

Those who did not return by opening day are out, Chandler declared as he watched the Cincinnati Reds-Chicago Cubs league opener here yesterday.

"They can't even petition for a return to American organized baseball for five years," said Chandler who had announced at a meeting in Havana, Cuba, March 10, that he would slam the door of organized baseball on all such players.

Previously, the commissioner had invited the "jumpers" to return to their teams before the major league season opened. Then he ruled that those who did not return by that date would not be permitted to apply for reinstatement for a five-year period.

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## Klamath Diamond Aspirants Finish Initial Workout

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The bulk of the turnout was made up of ex-servicemen, those that have played ball here before and several boys who have had diamond experience elsewhere.

## Tennis Playing Vet Declared Ineligible

SEATTLE, April 17 (AP)—The University of Washington has disclosed that Jim Brink, ranked No. 2 junior tennis player and ninth on the senior list nationally in 1943, will be ineligible for play with the university team this season.

The reason given was because Brink switched from the University of Southern California to the University of Washington and switching from one school to another causes a player to lose one year of eligibility.

As a returning veteran he was not penalized a year when he transferred from Washington to USC after his discharge. But after attending the southern university for one quarter, he switched back again bringing the Pacific Coast conference ruling into effect.

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# SPORTS

By Hale Scarbrough, Sports Editor

## Bottoms And Tops Gain PCL Victories

By WILLIAM WEATHERSBY Associated Press Sports Writer  
San Francisco's steamed-up baseball club got over the first big hump puffing like the little engine that thought it could for a lead of three and a half games in the Pacific Coast league.

For eight innings Casey Stengel's Acorns of Oakland had the San Francisco Wreckers panting for a score Tuesday, but in the ninth, Manager Frank (Lefty) O'Doul's club rallied on pinch-hitter Bill Eno's single and shut out the third-place Acorns, 3 to 0.

The Portland bottom rung Beavers snapped their losing streak in their first appearance before home fans, with a 5-2 victory over the Hollywood Stars. The other Coast leaguers were inactive. Sacramento opens a series today in the second-place Los Angeles team's park, and San Diego takes on the Rainiers at Seattle.

Charley Gassaway of the Acorns held a slight advantage over Larry Jansen in a shutout pitching duel for eight innings. Gassaway in nine innings struck out four to Jansen's three, yielded eight hits to Jansen's six and was charged with only one earned run from his offerings in the Seals' ninth-inning corral.

Ray Perry singled and Kermit Lewis got aboard on Gassaway's wild base throw. Then Eno's single drove them both in. The Acorn southpaw next walked Ferris Fain, who scored on Roy Nicely's single.

At Portland, Southpaw Roy Helser limited the Stars to seven hits, and the Beavers drove Xavier Rusigno, Hollywood hurler, to the showers in the fifth inning. He was replaced by West Messerly. The fifth frame netted the Beavers three tallies fashioned out of Larry Barton's double, Herman Reich's single and Eddie Adams' one-base bingle with the bags loaded.

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