

# Pack Believes Bosox Riding Toward Slump

By The Associated Press

Looking through powerful field glasses from what may be laughingly called contending positions in the American league pennant race, the ev-hopeful New York Yankees and Detroit Tigers today believed they detected signs of a slump by the runaway Boston Red Sox.

The almost-out-of-sight second and third placers, trailing the front running Red Sox by nine and 12 1/2 games respectively, took heart last night when Boston suffered a 9-3 lacing by the Chicago White Sox for its second straight setback.

New York and Detroit both won yesterday, the Yankees routing the St. Louis Browns under the lights, 6-1, and the Tigers humbling Washington, 7-2, in a twilight affair, to gain a full game each on the league leaders.

# Wise Dough Sees Conn By Lasting

By SID FEDER

NEW YORK, June 15 (AP)—The boys in the Broadway book-making set, brooding their pinkies over their morning coffee and blintzes, talk of nothing but the big fight these days, and right now they're as surprised as Broadway bookies ever got over how much of the smart money likes Billy Conn to dethrone Joe Louis.

They tell you that from a betting point of view, there isn't much "action" yet on Wednesday's fight — although it will probably pick up through the last three days — but what business there is shows the general public is putting its faith and its fortunes in Louis, while a lot of the folks who own the "caggy" dollars are sending it in on Billy. This isn't unanimous, naturally, because there are reports of a single bet of as much as \$30,000 on Joe — and that much money has to be "smart."

As a result, the price against the Pittsburgh pretty boy has been pared down considerably from its original 3 to 1, and a whole new line has been chalked up on the slate, starting with odds of \$11.50 for every \$5 you put up if you like Conn, and \$5 for every \$12.50 you invest if you're investing in Joe. Here is the rest of the slate.

Louis by a knockout—2 to 5.  
Louis by a knockout in one round—8 to 1.  
Conn to win decision, if fight lasts 15 rounds—5 to 8.  
Conn to win by a knockout—take 5 1/2 to one, if you think he can; lay 6 to one if you think he can't.

These prices have all been quoted on bets that actually have been made with the books on this fight. And if you're looking for more daffy ones, you can probably find a few others, like whether Louis gets the east or west corner of the ring, whether Billy wears the black or the purple trunks, and whether the hot dog you buy after the third round will come with or without "the pickle in the middle with the mustard on top."

One bookmaker pointed out that the charitable gambling guys—who will gladly give you a piano if you carry it out in your bare hands—have suddenly realized there is no "past performance" chart on this clambake. And gamblers are great hands for looking over the record. The thought has struck them that both Billy and the Bomber last went to the post five years ago, so their performances mean less than their auto license numbers.

# Four Team League Opens Play June 21

BEND, June 15 (AP)—A four-team Central Oregon Baseball league, which has scheduled night games on the Prineville field, will open its season June 21.

Bend will field two teams, Redmond and Prineville one each. Two other entries may join later.

# Mexican Jumpers Ruled Ineligible

CINCINNATI, June 15 (AP)—Fred T. Martin, Louis F. Klein Jr., and Max Lanier, who recently left the St. Louis Cardinals to play in the Mexican league, were listed "ineligible" for five years today in Baseball Commissioner A. B. Chandler's official bulletin.

# Around Oregon

Clover and vetch fields in the Silverton area were damaged yesterday by heavy rains, but strawberry crops were not injured much. Plans for a permanent state savings bond program were being formulated by officials of county bond committees meeting at Hood River. Two men arrested by state police on suspicion of car theft escaped Thursday night in Seaside, one with handcuffs still dangling from his wrist.

More than 100 delegates from 20 counties attended the 14th annual Oregon Home Economics Extension council meeting at Oregon State college this week. The "Girl's State"—about 115 high school girls from throughout Oregon—inspected state departments at Salem yesterday.

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# Fight Ducats Selling Fast

The next Mack Lillard production at the armory will be a prize fight, and from advance ticket disappearance, it looks exactly like another turn-away crowd.

Since Ursal Snapp of Merrill is down on the schedule for the main event fight, southern boosters have already taken 130 arena tickets and have sent in a request for another 50.

And since Snapp's opponent will be Milton Gordon of Chiloquino, fight fans from that city have also requested a block of ring seats and sent over the cash money to pay for them in advance.

The Snapp-Gordon scrap will be a five-rounder in the light-heavy bracket, about 168 pounds, or perhaps that would be called a heavy middleweight grouping. Another five-rounder will definitely be in the light-heavy class, at about 175, with LeRoy Barkley and Roger Vanderhoff as contestants.

In the top four-rounder, middleweight, Ben DeVore, just graduated from KUHS and with some state AAU experience behind him, will battle with Pete Gordon of Chiloquino, brother of the mainliner.

Two other four round bouts will round out the card.

# Joe Won't Say When

POMPTON LAKES, N. J., June 15 (AP)—Having pounded his ear almost continuously for 24 hours, during which the hired help around his camp tried very lightly, Joe Louis bestirred himself today and prepared to engage in his final three training sessions for next Wednesday's title defense at Yankee Stadium.

There was nothing in the quality of Joe's slumber through yesterday's daylight hours to indicate he was worried over the outcome of his second meeting with Billy Conn. It was a deep, peaceful sleep he enjoyed under the rain-spattered eaves of the old house in which George Washington is reputed to have rested.

Only once did Joe rouse himself for any length of time, and that was to say hello to Jackie Robinson, the slugging negro second baseman of the Montreal Royals, who bids fair to be the next athletic hero of his race.

"How many rounds will it take, Joe?" Jackie asked, having been egged on by the corps of correspondents attached to the champion's camp.

"That's what I wish I knew, Jackie," replied the champ, stroking a two-day's growth of whiskers. This wasn't anything new.

"Okay, fellows, I tried," grinned Robinson.

Later, under persuasive questioning, Joe admitted he never felt better, or sleepier.

"Honest, I think I'm in the best condition of my life," he said seriously. "I've had the best set of sparring partners I ever had. Least, I've got the most out of them. They're good boys and they've made me sharp."

# State Golf In Finals Today

PORTLAND, June 15 (AP)—The Oregon Golf association tournament entered its final round today with Don Thompson, Newberg, pitting his links skill against Tom Marlow, Eastmoreland of Portland.

A Portland veteran, Babe Freese of Riverside, was matched with Gracie Demoss, Corvallis, 18-year-old Oregon State college freshman, in the women's competition.

In yesterday's semi-finals, Thompson defeated Bob Duden, Santa Ana, Calif., Country club, 8 and 6. Marlow turned back Joe Ahern, Alderwood of Portland, 5 and 4.

Miss Demoss won a narrow 2 and 7 victory over Rosemary Grubbs of Portland, and Miss Freese had easy going to eliminate Mrs. Walter Nagel, Alderwood, 4 and 3.

Yesterday's Results  
Detroit 7, Washington 2.  
New York 5, St. Louis 1.  
Chicago 5, Boston 5.  
Philadelphia 5, Cleveland 3 (13 innings).

# State's Best Angling Prospects Found Here

PORTLAND, June 15 (AP)—Good fishing is in prospect in some Oregon lakes and streams this weekend although the picture as a whole is not too good, the state game commission reported today.

The report by counties: **Columbia**—Sloughs in Clatskanie area flooded; limit catches of catfish, bass and crappies in diked area from Prescott slough to Marshall district; Nehalem river good for boat fishermen; fair catches in southern part of county—above average in upper Clatskanie near Aparay; some good catches from Rinersen slough near Rainier.

**Benton**—Angling poor, although good catches of bass and spinyrayed fish reported from Long Tom river.

**Lane county**—Conditions much better; some good catches in Gold Lake, Fern Ridge and Triangle lakes.

**Linn county**—Fishing generally poor, except on the following lakes: Parrish, Don, Ann, Marion, Clear and Pamela.

**Crook county**—Conditions fair; some limit catches of crappies and catfish from Ochoco dam.

**Deschutes county**—A few nice catches on East, Paulina and Elk lakes. Deschutes river good using bucktail flies and bait.

**Jefferson**—Best angling on the Deschutes; poor on Blue and Suttle lakes, Metoleus river spotty.

**Wasco**—Conditions reported good.

**Curry**—Prospects very poor except for a few salmon on the Rogue.

**Tillamook**—Conditions expected to be fair.

**Baker**—Angling fair.

**Harney**—Streams nearly clear, but bait or fly fishing not too good.

**Klamath**—Upper Klamath and Agency lakes good to trolling; also Wood river and Sevenmile; Klamath river good to angling.

**Little Deschutes**, for fly fishing. Others fair.

**Malheur**—Conditions fair on most rivers, poor on Snake and lower Malheur.

**Lake**—Conditions poor, with most streams roily; fair on Silver and Deep creek and Dog Lake.

**Union**—Conditions better, may be good if weather continues fair.

All roads from this part of the country are pointing north this weekend, whether the trip is for scenery or fishing or both.

Crater lake is opening today and the road up from this side reported clear to the rim.

From the Medford side there is still snow on the road and chains are advised. Warm clothes are advisable no matter what side is taken. The roads are only open to the rim and the road from Crater lake to Diamond lake is not open.

Diamond lake had an almost overflow crowd up last weekend for the opening—an estimate was 300 boats by 8 a. m. Sunday—but as the crowd thinned out during the week, the fishing got better, catches being made trolling.

A report from Jenny creek, bank fishing with worms, indicates some limit catches, and others not so good.

**Seven Nags Will Gallop In Mud**

SEATTLE, June 15 (AP)—Seven horses will gallop in good today to raise the curtain on the 58-day racing season at Longacres track. A two-day rain and promise of showers tomorrow insured a muddy track for the \$5000 inaugural handicap.

Bill Pigott's stable will send two runners to the barrier, as will Trainer Yorkie McLeod. Antelope, a big gray top-weighted at 120 pounds, will be paired with Last Roll, in at 108, as the Pigott entry. Bold Impulse, 110, and Super Valley, 116, are the McLeod offerings.

Another gray, Silver Treason, will try to repeat his 1945 inaugural triumph, lugging 110 pounds. Happy Note, the favorite, is down for 114 and Pardo for 106.

**Elks Remain Atop League**

Undeclared Elks kept their name under the softball win column by racking up another victory over Palmperton Lumber company on Legion field last night. A very close game until the eighth inning, when the Elks managed to come up from behind a 2-1 deficit to get eight runs, the Lumbermen kept it hot up until the final score of 9-4.

Fagenello of Palmerton's slammed two away and both good for home runs. Ashby and Frank Hall were the batteries for Palmerton, Myers and Kuntz for the Elks.

The Knights of Columbus were taken for a loss last night in a game played on Recreation field against unbeaten Moose. KC's got nine runs on 5 hits, while the Moose took 12 runs out of 13 hits to make the final score 12 to 9.

Three homers, all for the Moose, highlighted the game. Ferguson pitched for the KC, and McDaniels and Drulliner were batteries for the Moose. Seymour started pitching, but was replaced early in the game.

These games leave the Elks still in the lead, with four wins and one tie. Moose is second by three wins, one tie. Palmerton's hit fourth place for good, dropping out of the tie with the CFW, and KC's landed in sixth, with Ashley's Chevrolet one game ahead of them.

**FIghts Last Night**  
By The Associated Press  
New York—Tony Janiro, 155, Youngtown, outpointed Chuck Taylor, 143 1/2, Coalport, Pa., 8.  
Jacksonville, Fla.—Arturo Godoy, 204, Chile, knocked out Lorrent Bouchard, 203, Montreal, 2.  
Hollywood, Calif.—Don Lee, 150, Omaha, outpointed Tommy Egan, 150, San Francisco, 10.  
San Diego, Calif.—Eddie Hudson, 135, Los Angeles, knocked out Eddie Marcus, 132, San Diego, 8.  
San Francisco—Frankie Fernandez, 138, Honolulu, outpointed Bobby Yeager, 142, Los Angeles, 10.

# SPORTS

By Hale Scarborough, Sports Editor

## Links Talent Clustered Going In USGA Stretch

CLEVELAND, June 15 (AP)—The highly touted talent was clustered for a photo finish today as 57 professionals and seven amateurs started down the decisive 36-hole stretch leading to the USGA open championship's glory and glory.

So closely packed were the leaders at the end of the first two par-busting 18-hole rounds that a playoff for the crown duplicating the 1940 finish here loomed as a distinct possibility.

The qualifying pace which cut the big field to the low 60 and ties was so hot that eight former champions and a flock of other outstanding stars were strewn among the wreckage.

**Hogan, Ghezzi Tied**  
Out front by a single stroke with scores of 140, four under par, as they started today's doubleheader, were Ben Hogan, the little fellow with the big reputation from Hershey, Pa., and Vic Ghezzi, the Adonis from Knoxville, Tenn. Hogan, pre-tourney co-favorite with Toledo's Byron Nelson, fired his way into the top spot yesterday with a gaudy 68, while bronzed Ghezzi carded 69.

On their heels with 141, the same score he had at the halfway mark here in 1940 when he tied Gene Sarazen for the crown and then defeated him 70 to 73 in a playoff, was Lawson Little of Monterey, Calif., who stayed up there with a 69 yesterday.

Then came Nelson and Ed (Porky) Oliver of Wilmington, Del., with 142 each on successive rounds of 71. Nelson won the laurels in 1939, while Oliver tied for the championship here in 1940, only to be ruled out because of an unauthorized early start on his final round.

Bracketed at par 144 for the first two heats were such luminaries as Henry Picard, the home professional; Henry B. Ransom of Houston, Tex.; Lloyd Mangrum of Los Angeles; Sam Snead of Hot Springs, Va., who was tied for the first day's lead at 69 but skidded to 75 yesterday, and Herman Barron of White Plains, N. Y., who last week won the Philadelphia Inquirer \$15,000 event.

**Junior Legion Maps Tilt With Chiloquin**  
The Junior Legion baseball league will get under way Sunday on the Klamath Sons in their own ball field Recreation park, in a Northern California league game scheduled to start at 1:30. This is the second home game of the season for the Sons, who were defeated 8 to 4 by Weed last Sunday before an overflow crowd at the ball park. That defeat slid the Sons down into second place in the loop standings with three wins and one loss, while Weed has won five straight.

Klamath beat McCloud 8-0 in the first league played. Scheduled to pitch tomorrow is Clyde Carlstrom, curvball hurler who held the Loggers to a trio of singles in the last meeting. Fran Miller, outfielder in recent games, has also been mentioned by Manager M. G. Carpenter as possible mound material for tomorrow.

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# STANDINGS

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Team	W	L	Pct.
Oakland	49	27	.643
San Francisco	48	30	.615
Los Angeles	40	35	.533
San Diego	41	38	.519
Hollywood	36	40	.474
Sacramento	27	42	.390
Portland	28	47	.373
Seattle	27	47	.365

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE  
Yesterday's Results  
Oakland 4, Sacramento 1.  
San Diego 3, Hollywood 3.  
San Francisco 7, Portland 4.  
Los Angeles at Seattle, postponed, rain.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Brooklyn	31	20	.608
St. Louis	29	21	.580
Chicago	26	21	.553
Cincinnati	24	22	.522
Boston	23	26	.469
Pittsburgh	21	25	.457
New York	21	30	.410
Philadelphia	18	28	.391

Yesterday's Results  
Chicago 5, Brooklyn 1.  
Boston 4, Cincinnati 1.  
Only games played.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Boston	41	11	.786
New York	34	22	.607
Detroit	29	24	.547
Washington	28	24	.538
St. Louis	22	30	.423
Cleveland	22	32	.407
Chicago	19	30	.386
Philadelphia	15	37	.288

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# Acorns Make Rumors Look Slightly Silly

By BILL WEATHERSBY Associated Press Sports Writer

The Oakland Aacorns took another whack at the widespread rumor that they were suckers for southpaws and posted notice today that a batch of lefthanded pitchers is not enough to throw them off the track of the Pacific Coast Baseball league pennant.

Manager Earl Sheely put up Lefthanded Al Smith last night to try to halt the steady pounding the Sacramento Solons have been taking from the Aacorns, who bunched nine bingles for a 4-1 win. It was the third out of four games in the current series for Oakland.

Francis Shea whiffed 10 Solons and scattered eight hits, as his Oakland mates went to work on Smith in the fourth and eighth innings. Bill Hart and Pete Fox followed Wally Westlake's single with a pair of doubles for two runs in the fourth, and in the eighth inning repeat performance Westlake doubled, Hart got his second two-bagger and Fox singled for a pair of tallies.

The San Francisco Seals, in second place, kept the pace at two games behind the leaders with a six-run rally in the ninth inning to down the Portland Beavers, 7 to 4.

Larry Jansen, winning his 14th game of the season, limited Portland to a single hit and no runs until the eighth frame, when the Beavers put over four runs, all unearned. Ferris Fain's triple was the biggest blow of the Seals' last-inning splurge.

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