

# SPORTS

By Hale Scarborough, Sports Editor

## Lou-Joe Combination Hasn't Flashed Yet

CHICAGO, April 26 (AP)—This may be the greatest defensive season of all for cat-like Lou Boudreau, the Cleveland Indians' playing manager, who has topped American league shortstops in fielding six of the past seven years.

The 29-year-old Boudreau naturally doesn't predict this, being a diffident guy at all times, but he does admit that he'll be more "flexible" in his position with Joe (Flash) Gordon, the ex-Yankee second sacker, cavorting at his left.

"Gordon knows league batters and how to play them," explained Boudreau, who probably would be shooting for his eighth straight shortstop fielding title if he hadn't been dry-docked by a foot injury in 1945. "That leaves me free to roam about a little more in both directions instead of worrying about the hole over second base."

Boudreau huddled 30 assistants and turned in more double plays than Cleveland's first seven games. He also has figured in three double plays, a department in which he set a major league record for shortstops in 1944 with 134.

The Boudreau-Gordon combination hasn't jelled into the great twin-killing unit the experts predicted—yet. Four clubs have turned in more double plays than Cleveland to date, but when the heat is on, look for some snappy defensive play under the wigwag.

"It's great to work with a fielder like Gordon," declared Boudreau. "And the feeling is mutual with Gordon."

The pair was playing catch yesterday before the tribe dropped a 3-2 decision to the White Sox and allowing a bit for reporters. Gordon was pitching knucklers to Boudreau, and occasionally let them fly directly at the scribes who ducked needlessly as Boudreau reached out to spear the ball.

"It's part of our act," chuckled Boudreau. "Never fear, Flash doesn't fall when the chips are down."

## Trials Will Raise Next Bomber foe

NEW YORK, April 26 (AP)—With no logical contender in sight, there is going to be an elimination contest to pick a challenger for Joe Louis heavyweight crown.

Insisting he didn't want anybody "to have a right to holler," the champion has called off his title defense scheduled for Yankee stadium June 26 and offered to fight in September providing a suitable opponent is turned up by that time.

Louis, accompanied by his co-managers, Marshall Miles and John Roxborough, arrived from Los Angeles yesterday and conferred with Sol Strauss, acting director of the 20th Century Sporting club. Then they called in the press and announced abandonment of the June bout and plans for the elimination program.

Strauss said the southpaw Melio Bettina will be matched against Light Heavyweight Champion Gus Lenevich in Madison Square Garden May 26. Jersey Joe Wolcott will fight Joe Maxim in Hollywood June 16. The winners will be paired in a New York fight and Strauss said he hoped he could name Louis' opponent by July 15.

"As I see it," a mustachioed Louis said, from under a blue-gray fedora, "there's only three men in the running now. Lenevich ain't in it, only Bettina, Wolcott and Maxim. If we picked any one of 'em now, the other two would have a right to holler. I want to fight the best one and I want it so nobody will have a right to holler."

## 4-Year Slates Being Talked

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26 (AP)—Pacific Coast conference football schedules for the next four years will be discussed by coaches and athletic directors of the member schools in a three-day meeting beginning here Monday.

Basketball schedules for 1948-50 in the southern division were being outlined today at Stanford University by Coaches Nibe Price of California, Everett Dean of Stanford, Wilbur Johns of UCLA and Sam Barry of USC.

Both the football and basketball tentative dates will be submitted to the faculty advisers for approval at the regular conference meeting in June.

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## First A Whopper



Marvin Bland, age 15, of 4301 Winter, caught this 40-pound Chinook on his first salmon-fishing trip on the Rogue.

## Sons Open With Tilt In Valley

Tonight at Medford the Klamath Sons baseball team takes its first outing of the early season, against the Craters, and tomorrow afternoon here the Sons and Craters tangle in a return tilt for benefit of the home fans.

The game tonight, played on Medford's fairgrounds diamond under the lights, starts at 7:45, while the afternoon game at Recreation field tomorrow begins at 2 o'clock. All daylight league games for the Sons this year will start at 2 p. m.

No starting lineup has been announced for either of the two games, but Manager Mel Carpenter said before leaving for Medford that probably every player on the Sons roster would see action in the two games.

Frankie Miller, Floyd Shotwell, Fred Gray and Tommy Tomlinson will probably all get a chance to chuck for a few frames.

The Medford team this year is entered in the Northern California circuit, along with the Sons, and is managed by Dallas Patton. Most of the players who formed the Crater team which last summer drubbed the Sons twice are back playing another season.

Fred Bezgod and Tony Kandler are probable hurlers for the Craters in this week-end's series.

The games will not be broadcast.

## Good Catches Made On Rogue



Salmon catches have been good on the Rogue for the past few days, as witness this haul brought back from Gold Beach by W. W. and Homer J. Clark of Malin.

## ARMY STARS OK'd FOR CHARITY

NEW YORK, April 26 (AP)—Army's Glenn Davis and Felix (Doc) Blanchard will play on the 1947 college all-star football team against the New York Giants in the annual Tribune fresh air fund benefit game here September 3, sponsors of the event announced today.

The participation of the famed touchdown duo and seven of their teammates on the unbeaten cadet eleven has been assured by the action of General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, who has granted special leaves, the New York Herald Tribune, which sponsors the game, said.

In addition to Davis and Blanchard, the Army stars who have accepted invitations to play are Arnold Tucker, quarterback; George (Barney) Poole and Tom Hayes, ends; Shelton Biles and Harold Tavel, tackles; Jack Ray, guard, and Jim Enos, center.

## Fast Track Assured For Tonight's Cinder Events

With beautiful weather and a fast track virtually assured for tonight, the 20-30 club's invitational high school track meet is under way this afternoon with trials in all events being run.

At the end of the trials the finals in three events—discus, pole vault and shotput—will be called. These three events are considered a bit too dangerous to trust under artificial light, and also getting them out of the way will speed up tonight's session.

Eleven schools are taking part in the annual Modoc field tournament, with the Pelicans and Medford riding in the favored seats. The Pelicans are defending champions.

Tonight's finals will begin at 7:30, and Ralph Hill, of Henley, former University of Oregon and Olympics track star, will be acting as clerk of the course to keep the events rolling. About 150 high school athletes will compete in the various events for trophies which will be awarded at the end of the meet.

## York Saved From Flame

BOSTON, April 26 (AP)—Rudy York, slugger Boston Red Sox first baseman who smashed a three-run homer over the left field wall in yesterday's game with the Philadelphia Athletics, was half-dragged, half-carried out of his flaming hotel room early today.

A doctor who examined York in the lobby said he suffered only slight smoke inhalation.

Red Sox General Manager Eddie Collins' office said York had reported to a secretary that he was "all right" and would play in today's game.

York probably escaped more serious injury because Miss Mary Kent, 51, who lives on the third floor of the hotel (Myles stands) above York awoke to find smoke rising from the floor opening beneath a radiator.

Night Engineer Ben Petrucci traced the smoke to York's room and entered with a pass key when pounding on the door failed to awaken the ballplayer.

## Pelicans Clinch Baseball Trophy

THE KUHS Pelicans yesterday afternoon defeated the Grants Pass Cavemen 10 to 3 in a baseball game on Modoc field, thereby clinching the Southern Oregon conference championship trophy.

The Pelicans are undefeated so far, and have only games with Medford and Lakeview to go. The Medford tilt will be played Tuesday here. Pat Williams and Irvin Whit patrolled against the Cavemen yesterday, and Williams, who was on the mound for five frames, goes down as the winning pitcher.

## Cottage Grove Takes Track Win

EUGENE, April 26 (AP)—Cottage Grove ran off with the annual Greater Willamette Valley track and field championship here yesterday, scoring 54 points to dethrone Springfield.

Eugene High was second with 45½ points and Springfield third with 20-1/3.

New records were established in the low hurdles, the high jump and the 800-yard relay, the latter a mark that had stood since 1946, when Salem set a 1:38-minute time. Eugene set the new mark of 1:34.4.

Points of other teams: Corvallis 19½, Salem 19½, Roseburg 14-1/3, Silverton 11, University 10-1/3, Albany 9, Elmira 8.

NO BOAT? LEXINGTON, Va., April 26 (AP)—The first delegate to register for the 18th annual convention of the Southern Interscholastic Press association, currently in session on the Washington, and Lee campus and sponsored by the Robert E. Lee Journalism Foundation was Robert E. Lee.

Young Lee says he supposes he is a descendant of the famed confederate general, but he doesn't know for sure. He is staying at the Robert E. Lee hotel.

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## From the CORRAL

Howdy folks! Down to Red Bluff, Jerry Ambler won the bronc ridin' with Clay Carr makin' his loop fit to first place in the calf ropin'. Franklin Arant tuk the relay race and I didn't get a tally on the rest of the show.

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## Storm Subsides Over Bowl Pact

PORTLAND, April 26 (AP)—The storm over the Big Nine-Pacific Coast conference football pact has passed over.

That's the word from Victor O. Schmidt, Coast conference commissioner, who passed through here after a tour of conference schools.

"There was a natural desire to see Army play in the last Rose Bowl game, but by now most everyone agrees that a tie-up between the Coast conference and the Big Nine assures good football every New Year's Day," he said.

Somehow I got a invite to the she-bang and kinda scared to go, but first thing I knowed all my friends, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Lesebar, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hooper and the George Smiths was a howdy doin' me. That was many more 'round 'em than I could count.

Gotta go sit my boots half soled they look like spats I've been a weel so much.

Bye now.

**FIGHTS LAST NIGHT**

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Henry Rich, 164, Los Angeles, outpointed Tiger Shephard, 168, Houston, 10.

PORTLAND, Ore.—George Millich, 176, Sacramento, outpointed Costello Cruz, 170, Santa Barbara, 10.

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# Beavers Skid Out Of First

Angel Victory, 6-1, puts Los Angeles On Top; San Diego Padres Also Falter

By The Associated Press

The Los Angeles Angels for the first time this young season were perched atop the Pacific Coast league heap today.

The Angels, favored by many to win the pennant, climbed into the lead by defeating the Portland Beavers, 6-1, last night on Lefty Cliff Chambers' three-hit pitching job.

Portland and San Diego, which had held a slight edge over the Angels, tumbled down to second place, a game off the pace. The Padres were shut out by Oakland's Floyd Sneed, 4-0.

It was the fourth straight win for Chambers since his return from a trial with the Chicago Cubs. The Beavers, incidentally, became the first team to earn a run off the big southpaw. Chambers now has yielded one earned tally in 37 innings.

His work was made easier by 12-hit backing led by Johnny Ostrowski's triple and two singles. Chambers himself drove in three runs with a pair of singles. It was the Angels' third consecutive victory over the cooled-off Beavers.

In imparing the Padres, Sneed scattered seven hits and fanned nine batters. The Oaks, rising to tie for sixth place with Hollywood, made effective use of six hits, three by Brooks Holder, who included his fifth home run. Les Scarsella also hit for the circuit.

Oakland thus took a 3-1 advantage in the series, as did the San Francisco Seals over Seattle. Behind the cheery clucking of Bob Chesnes, one of the loop's brighter new-comers, the Seals edged the Rainiers, 4-3.

Chesnes allowed six hits, including a homer and double by Lou Novikoff, for his fourth win against one defeat. The Seals tagged Bill Posedel for 10 safeties.

Sacramento's Solons kept pace with San Francisco in a fourth place deadlock by squeezing out a 2-1 win over Hollywood.

The Solons needed the aid of Tod Davis' error on a ninth inning double play attempt to rush across two quick runs and square the series at two games each. Guy Pletcher got credit for his fifth win against one loss, while hard luck Joe Krakauskas was charged with his fifth straight setback.

# A's Get Bargain In Swap

By The Associated Press

Venerable Connie Mack, who at times has been accused of unloading star members of his Philadelphia Athletics for monetary gain, apparently has come out on top in the deal that brought George "Bink" Binko to the Athletics.

The versatile Binko was obtained from Washington for Pitchers Luman Harris and Luther Knerr last winter and the liberable outfielder currently pinch-hitting for pitcher Bill Dickey, was banged out eight safeties in 17 swings to rank with the top hitters in both circuits.

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Boston	4	1	1.000
San Diego	3	0	1.000
Seattle	3	0	1.000
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