



By Hale Scarborough

Zale-Graziano Bout In Wrigley Stadium Will Outdraw Louis

The big fight of the year, between Tony Zale and Rocky Graziano, is announced for Wednesday, July 16, in Chicago's spacious Wrigley field. The Illinois athletic commission has snatched the fight away from New York and a dozen other cities after the New York boxing commission slapped a year's suspension on Graziano for not reporting a bribe offer.

This might be the big break in the grip New York and Mike Jacobs have long held on big-time boxing for so many years. Almost without a doubt the Zale-Graziano middleweight title bout will draw the biggest gate of the year, bigger than anything Louis would draw if he chooses to slap around one of the contenders in his crown.

Boxing has been dominated by Madison Square Garden and the Yankee stadium for so long some people have gotten the notion that the big show can't be held anywhere else and is a financial success. But that attitude won't stand up when you remember that the second Dempsey-Tunney fight was staged in Chicago and brought down a gate of \$2,530,000—the largest ever.

Raiders Schedule Game On Modoc

Sport notes on the local scene: Southern Oregon college at Ashland has tentatively lined up one of its games to be played here at Modoc field, that with Humboldt State October 11. Last year Jimmy wanted the Raiders to come over here but it couldn't be arranged.

Softball here is in for a splurge this summer, if various plans being tinkered with ever crystallize. In addition to the eight and possibly more teams in the independent city league, there is talk of an all-star squad to represent our town on the road, and the YMCA is out to organize a couple of church softball circuits. . . . where they are all going to play is anybody's guess, because at this writing Klamath Falls isn't top heavy with ball diamonds.

Sons Have To Show Improvement

Jimmy West allowed only one hit in seven innings against Medford Sunday, much to the surprise of several hundred fans back of the wire netting. . . . Last year Jimmy could never hit any sort of stride on the mound, but he may be in for some good games this summer. . . . The Sons looked classy in spots during the opening games, but leaked a lot in other spots.

Hi Hatfield proved that he can roam centerfield with the best in this league, and Bart Golbar showed just straightaway left-center hitting knack was still there. . . . Earl Brooks and Dale Graham performed creditably at second and short. . . . Nevertheless the Sons aren't in any pennant-winning shape yet.

Portland Puts Ginger Into Snapp

Portland sports writers were much taken with the way Ural Snapp took care of Wayne Parker up there the other night, and are plugging for Ural to get the next main event assignment. . . . Incidentally he has been tabbed "Ginger" Snapp by the City of Roses scribes. . . . Snapp now has 17 knockouts in 19 professional fights, and has lost only one defeat marked up against him. . . . He broke Parker's jaw.

There is a possibility that Ural will fight the next 10-round here, although there is a growing scarcity of opponents for the hard-punching Merrill middleweight.

College Basketball Now Has Box Office Problem

NEW YORK, April 29 (AP)—College basketball has grown too big for its abbreviated brackets in an attendance way, and it may be seven to ten years before it can tailor its seating capacity to accommodate even today's public demand.

And if public basketball interest continues to grow at the same pace of the last decade, it may be a quarter of a century before both the public and the students can be seated without a court order or a shoe-horn.

Beavers Take On Seals In Fight To Retain Lead

The Pacific Coast league, starting a new series today, finds the top-running Portland Beavers taking on the fifth place San Francisco Seals in a race in which only five games separate the leaders from the cellar occupants.

The Los Angeles Angels, only a few percentage points behind the Beavers, tangle with last place Seattle. The Angels have yet to lose a series; the Rainiers haven't won one.

Other contests find the Oakland Oaks facing the Sacramento Solons, while the Hollywood Stars meet San Diego.

Infielder Tony York of Seattle, hitting .482 in 15 games, leads Pacific Coast league regulars today. Frank Kerr, San Diego catcher, batted safely in 16 contests for an average of .425.

Joe Marty, Sacramento outfielder, playing in 25 engagements of the first four weeks of the season, rounded up at a .388 clip.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT
SAN FRANCISCO — Tony Rodriguez, 137, San Francisco, out-punched Darnell Carter, 134½, Los Angeles (10).
HOLYOKE, Mass. — Joey Angelo, 140½, Providence, outpunched Cleo Shane, 140½, Los Angeles (10).

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Big Hole Of Idaho Ready For Anglers

SANDPOINT, Idaho, April 29 (AP)—Barring strong gales or motor trouble, every available private and commercial craft is expected to be plowing the waters of north Idaho's Lake Pend Oreille Thursday morning as fishermen make a new assault on world's trout records.

The day is the opening of the fishing season for Kamloops rainbow trout.

These big fish, first planted in the lake in 1942, have twice topped the old world's record of 26½ pounds for rainbows, a record that had stood for 29 years on the official list of Field and Stream magazine.

Commercial boat operators reported today that every cruiser had been reserved, some months ago by fishermen who hope to bring to gaff bigger trout than the 32½ pound champion taken from the lake in 1945. All resorts, including new ones that have sprung up since the advent of the Kamloops, are booked solid for the opening day.

Fishermen get their first real chance at the rainbows in 1945 and in that year brought in two that head the Field and Stream list—a 31-pounder and the present champion.

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At Lake Pend Oreille, fishermen have thronged in from great distances to have a try at the big fish. Early this year, Henry Ford II was reported planning a fishing vacation this season at the lake. Bing Crosby was also listed for a return visit. Mayor L. G. Moon of Sandpoint has proclaimed June 9 as "Bing Crosby Day" in recognition of the fact that the crooner landed a 15½-pound rainbow last year.

Sandpoint sportmen who went together to buy the first supply of Kamloops eggs in British Columbia have seen to it that the lake is kept well stocked. Spring plantings in the lake and tributary streams have totaled 15,000 fingerlings. Studies of the fish in the lake also indicate the sportmen say, that natural reproduction is helping maintain the population.

Nobody is sure just how big the fish will get in Lake Pend Oreille where the waters are 2500 feet deep, the fish can roam an area with a 500-mile shoreline and the supply of blueback salmon for food is abundant.

But word got around last year that a poacher had taken a 35-pounder out of season and fishermen have been gunning for one that size ever since. Many whose tackle litters the bottom of the lake will readily contend that the big one that got away was "at least 35 pounds."

At Santa Anita this year the breakage totaled \$881,851.44. Hollywood Park in 1945 realized \$950,395.76, and it is expected that since pari-mutuel betting was legalized in California in 1933, the tracks have realized more than seven million dollars from this source.

The question now is, will the other tracks agree to give the track this break, and is the state of California ready to give up the share of this lucrative and unearned plum it might be planning to slice out?

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CARNIVAL

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"Lately it's had no pickup, no getaway—I think I'll take it in for a good vacuuming!"

National Should Hang Up New Record For Homers

Should the suddenly home run-conscious National league continue anywhere near its present pace, Ford Frick's loop will easily set a major league record for four-baggers in a single season.

Not since the early thirties has the senior circuit been so homer happy. In 41 games to date, National league players have walloped 69 for the distance, a far better average than their record-breaking season of 1930 when 892 homers were hit. At this rate, the old league should top a thousand when the campaign shuts its doors Sept. 28.

In sharp contrast, the American league, for years regarded as the haven for heavy hitters, owns only 39 round trippers in as many games. Its best home run output was in 1940 when 883 were hammered.

With such a dearth of home runs in the American league, naturally the pitchers have had a holiday. Ten hurlers have held their opponents scoreless in the junior circuit with Cleveland's Bobby Feller and New York's Ailie Reynolds boasting two shutouts apiece. National league pitchers, on the other hand, have twirled only five games in which their opponents have failed to cross the plate.

In yesterday's only scheduled game in the big leagues, Detroit's Dizzy Trout joined the rapidly growing list of shutout flingers by blanking

the side in order in five of the nine innings and drove in two of the three Bengal runs.

Trout rifled a pitch by Red Embree for a home run in the third inning. His eighth inning single scored Pat Mullin with one of the two Tiger runs that frame.

Following yesterday's rest for 14 of the 16 teams, the majors start their first inter-sectional tests today with the eastern teams in the National league host to their western rivals and the eastern nines in the American guests of the western clubs.

Ruth III Again
NEW YORK, April 29 (AP)—Babe Ruth is suffering from a slight cold, believed to have been induced by exposure and the excitement of his appearance at Yankee stadium Sunday when 58,359 fans honored him.

Mrs. Ruth said that the former home run king's participation in the ceremonies had proved very tiring and that he "was completely overwhelmed" by the festivities.

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