

Rose Captures 500-Mile Race

Identical Cars Finish One-Two; Speedway Brings Death To Driver Shorty Cantlon

INDIANAPOLIS, May 31 (AP)—Mauri Rose of Chicago, a confident title guy with a black moustache and a big pipe, was down in the weeds today as a second-time winner in the 31st annual 500-mile race at Indianapolis motor speedway, but the first two places should have been labeled "Lou Moore entry."

Rose and Bill Holland of Bridgeport, Conn., the No. 2 finisher, drove identical new four-cylinder cars owned by Lou Moore of Ventura, Calif., and called the Blue Crown Spark Plug Specials.

Holland appeared headed for certain victory in his first speedway start as the last few laps were reeled off. Then Moore's pit crew waved a blackboard marked "EZ" and Rose passed Holland with only 17 miles to run. Afterward there was loud talk behind the garage doors and Holland looked definitely unhappy.

Rose, going into the winner's pen, said he won only because Holland was slowed by engine trouble at the end. But Moore said that he meant to signal both cars to take it easy because they were well ahead of the field and he wanted them to finish.

The race, second fastest since the holiday event was inaugurated in 1911, cost the life of William (Shorty) Cantlon, veteran Indianapolis driver who finished second to Billy Arnold in 1939.

Cantlon, 43-year-old bachelor and used car dealer, smacked the wall coming out of the south-west turn, trying to avoid a mix-up that occurred when Holland crossed the grass along the inside of the track.

Cantlon was the only driver injured in a series of skids and collisions and his death was the first at the speedway since Floyd Roberts was killed in 1939.

The amazing Ted Horn of Paterson, N. J., driving the Maserati in which Wilbur Shaw twice won the race, claimed third money. He has never taken the trophy but his methodical driving has placed him among the top four finishers in eight straight "500's."

Cliff Bergere of Toledo, Ohio, 50-year-old veteran of 16 Indianapolis races, took fourth place.

Only 12 cars of the 30 starters were still running at the end. Les Anderson, Portland, Ore., and Pete Romevich, Gary, Ind., both making their first starts, were far back but still coming when Starter Seth Klein waved them to the garages.

Rose's winning speed was 116.878 miles an hour, second only to the late Floyd Roberts' 117.2 in 1938. The seven leaders all averaged more than 100 miles an hour.

Weather permitting, the Klamath boys tomorrow afternoon will play their fourth Northern California league baseball game of the season, against the Loggers of McCloud, a game which may break up the congestion around first place in the league standings.

Yesterday's scheduled exhibition tilt with the Bend Elks was called off due to rain, and Recreation field is very muddy today, casting a shadow of doubt on tomorrow's engagement.

Fran Miller will probably pitch against McCloud. He was slated to take the mound yesterday, McCloud has come up with one of the strongest teams in the loop this year and has a record of two wins against one loss to join in the five-ply first place tie. The Loggers last week drubbed Weed 19 to 6.

Also slated for tomorrow are a couple of junior legion ball games. Del Moro is scheduled to play Del 11 at Del Moro field, while Conger visits Merrill.

Junior Squad Seeks Games

A hardball team of youngsters calling themselves the Babe Ruth Juniors are seeking baseball games from other kid teams around town this summer. The boys are all between the ages of 10-12 and the outfit is being sponsored by Dinty Moore.

They have issued a challenge to any team in a similar age bracket. Most of the Babe Ruth Juniors reside in the Hot Springs district and played ball at Roosevelt school.

Members of the team are Richard Hilton, Ronnie Mitchell, Harold Shearer, Ingrain Montgomery, Van Cummings, Tommy Moore, Dickie Korb, Ross Tomlin, Greg Schulze, Gerry Igl, Kenny McAndrews, Ronald Benson, Billy Waybrandt, Robin Ebell, Edgar Tomlin, Charles Boettcher, Bob Brady and Ramon Bell. Robert Brady is coach.

Turnesa Takes British Title

CARNOSTIE, May 31 (AP)—Willie Turnesa of White Plains, N. Y., defeated his Walker cup teammate, Dick Chapman of Philadelphia, N. C. 3 and 2 in a 36-hole final match today to win the British amateur golf championship.

Five down at the end of the first nine holes and apparently doomed to take a bad licking, Turnesa rallied to win five straight holes and square the match at the end of the morning round. He took the lead for the first time at the 27th hole in the afternoon and then clung tenaciously to his advantage in a hot fight down the home stretch to close Chapman out on the 34th green.

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Athletic Uprising A Puzzle

By The Associated Press

Long-suffering Connie Mack clubs are dusting off their charters and rounding up forgotten brethren to celebrate the Philadelphia A's spurt into the thin air of fifth place in the American league.

The A's not only are in fifth place, but they're only a half game back of the Boston Red Sox, the weakly defending champions.

Two straight shutout wins over the New York Yankees have focused baseball attention on the Macks who are only a game below the .500 mark in the won and lost department.

Dick Fowler and Freshman Joe Coleman teamed up on the Yanks yesterday in one of the double-headers that attracted a banner turnout of 283,530 fans. Fowler nosed out Spud Chandler, 1-0, in the opener, although the A's' touched Chandler for only three hits. Coleman gave up nine hits in the second win, 4-0, stretching New York's scoreless inning string to 21. It was a first win for Coleman, who prepped at the American league camp.

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Detroit muffed a chance to lengthen its lead considerably by splitting with St. Louis. After Hal Newhouse defeated the Browns for the 14th straight time over a three-year stretch, 2-1, the Tigers succumbed to Nels Potter's wiles in the finale, 8-3.

Cleveland slid into second place by thumping Chicago twice, 8-4, in the opener and 9-1. The venerable Mel Harder started his 20th season with a five-hitter in the second game, win No. 218 of his career.

The Boston Red Sox spent an unhappy holiday in Washington, losing two games to the Senators who routed Tex Hughson 13-6, and eked out a 5-3 nod over Joe Dobson in the finale.

National league activities again were highlighted by the Giants who swept two from the Philadelphia Phils, 7-1 and 5-3, to take a one-game lead in the tight race.

Warren Spahn preserved his unbeaten string, winning an eighth straight for Boston in their 6-3 first game success over Brooklyn. The Braves also took the second 3-0. The double win boosted Boston into a second place tie with Chicago and the two setbacks dumped the Dodgers into fourth place. Earl Torgerson, Boston first baseman, tied an all-time second by playing the first game without a putout.

Hank Borowy got Chicago even for the day by copping his fifth in a row in the nightcap over Pittsburgh, 5-2, after Billy Cox's 10th inning homer had given Preacher Roe and the Pirates a first-game 2-1 edge over Paul Erickson.

The St. Louis Cardinals failed to climb out of the cellar, splitting two with Cincinnati. After the Reds clinched on four Card hurlers for 15 hits to hand Ken Burkhardt a third loss, in the opener, 12-8, St. Louis came back, behind Al Brazie, to defeat Lefty Kent Peterson, 7-3.

Bly Holds Kite Contest

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Elliott and son of Lakeview were visitors here Saturday, May 17. Elliott is Cubmaster of the Lakeview Cub Scouts. They were here to assist Spike Armstrong with the kite contest.

The kite contest, held May 17 went over big even though the wind failed to blow like it has the past few weeks. There were 80 kites entered in the contest. All kites had to be made by the children and had to fly to qualify for prizes. The merchants of Bly furnished the prizes and free pop for all the kids. The contest was sponsored by the Boy Scout troop, Buck Elliott, Red Smith and Wilbur Book acted as judges.

A parade was held in the afternoon just before the contest. Cub Scouts of Lakeview loaned their circus animal costumes for the parade. There were 42 prizes in the contest, first prize winners were Arlene Delavac in girls 6 to 17 group; Harold Armstrong, boys, 6 to 8 group; Doyle Miller, boys, 9 to 11; Dene Schoenberg, boys, 12 to 17; Harry Schoenberg won highest flying for boys, 18 to 20. Herb Johnson won lowest flying in the same age class.

Chiefs Beaten

ROSEBURG, Ore., May 31 (AP)—Mauling two pitchers for 11 hits and aided by costly errors, the Medford Craters defeated the Umpqua Chiefs of the Southern Oregon league in an exhibition baseball game here yesterday, 11 to 2.

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By Hale Scarborough
Comeback Trys Won't Furnish Any Luster To Heavyweight Scene

Recent announcements that a couple of discredited pugilists intend to hit the comeback trail doesn't add any gloss to the discouraging world of heavyweight boxing picture. Both Billy Conn and Maxie Schmeling are swinging axes (while photographers are about) in attempts at training, but neither can be counted on to furnish anything material as a threat to the champ, Joe Louis.

Joe's recent revelation that he will retire after the '48 punch season might have something to do with dragging Conn out of retirement, but with Schmeling it's probably a matter of money. The Black Uhlan is said not to have much of the good U. S. kale he made in pre-war days left. For one thing, he was on the wrong team during the big conflict.

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Little Better Than Comic Heroes

The heavyweight situation is almost that bad. You can list a dozen might-be challengers and find feet of clay on all of 'em. For instance: Melio Bettina was right in the running until he was chilled by Gus Lesnevich in less than half a round last week, although Bettina was beaten twice by Fox in earlier matches.

Billy Fox, a youngster of 21 years, was riding on the crest of a fabulous number of knockouts until he was flattened by Lesnevich several months ago.

Freddie Mills, the Britisher, was getting his raves until he was stopped by Lesnevich in London.

Joe Kahut, the Woodburn, Ore., favorite son, was also getting the big build-up until Lesnevich almost murdered him over a year ago. Since that time Kahut has gone steadily down and is now probably out of the fight game with a chipped elbow.

All these instances point the finger at Gus Lesnevich, but Gus, as a light-heavy champ, apparently prefers to stay close to the 175-pound mark and knock off the strays from the heavyweight division. His next will probably be one Ezzard Charles of Cincinnati.

Mauriello Rebuilding His Rep

But there are others who aspire to the heights in Louis' zone of defense.

Tami Mauriello, once chastised by Louis, is battling around the fight clubs regaining his rep at the expense of second and third raters. He'd like to try again.

Jersey Joe Walcott is one of the most frequently mentioned targets for Louis' fists, but a title bout for that aged campaigner has not come to pass. Walcott, among other things, has beaten and been beaten by Elmer (Violent) Ray, beat Jimmie Bivins, dethroned Joe Baksi and even retired from the ring once. He isn't, and rightfully so, taken seriously.

Bruce Woodcock was beaten by Mauriello and knocked out by Baksi. Joe Baksi, showing admiral perception, has declared he won't fight Louis. It goes around in circles but there's not much hope of Louis getting dizzy.

Bill Hayward Retires After 44-Year Career

SEATTLE, May 31 (AP)—Oregon's Bill Hayward, 79 years young, will end his long career as a track coach today.

The veteran mentor told the Puget Sound Sportswriters and Sports-casters association last night: "This is my last season. I've had more fun with the boys than I can find words to describe, but you can say for me this is my final northern division meet."

Hayward's announcement that he intended to retire after 44 years of coaching track brought immediate expressions of regret and many tributes.

Washington's Hec Edmundson said this of Hayward: "I've been associated in track with him for a long time. I've run for him and I've coached teams to oppose his Oregon athletes, and down through the years I've grown to believe he's surely one of the finest students of track in this country."

Edmundson was a member of a Hayward-coached team of Northwest athletes which competed against a band of eastern stars during the Alaska Yukon Pacific exposition in 10.

Others present at the sports-writers' session included Washington State, Jiggs Dahlberg of Montana, John Warren of Oregon, Percy Estvedt, assistant Washington track coach, and Loyd Bury, WSC graduate manager.

SEASIDE, May 31 (AP)—A middle aged woman who said she had been widowed three weeks ago walked fully clothed into the stormy Pacific ocean here yesterday only to be rescued by a young, attractive passerby.

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Decision Gives Win To Ortiz

HONOLULU, May 31 (AP)—Manuel Ortiz, El Centro, Calif., retained his world's bantamweight championship tonight with a 15-round decision over Hawaii's Golden Boy, David Kui Kong Young of Honolulu.

Ortiz weighed 118, Young 116½. Ortiz came out for the 14th after a ten-minute intermission called after he protested he could not continue because of a low blow that sent him to the canvas as the bell ended the 13th round.

Ortiz' manager, Tommy Farmer, said Young's hard left hit Ortiz in the groin, but ringsiders said it appeared to land in the champion's stomach.

The crowd booed Ortiz lustily, and territorial boxing commission refused to end the fight.

Ortiz came out hopping on one leg and dragged his right throughout the 14th. But he turned on the heat in the 15th round and left no doubt who was winner.

The cat-like Young, a Chinese, tied up Ortiz' vaunted infighting throughout the fight, but could not find enough power in his left to slow down the rugged champion.

It was the third clash for the pair. Young took a ten-round decision over Ortiz in 1938. Ortiz knocked out Young in a non-title match last year.

Hawaii's first championship fight drew a record gate of \$56,469 and a non-record attendance of 13,845.

Punch Ends Mat Topper

Pierre LaBelle, the likeable young French Canadian granpler, won his main event bout with Herb Parks at the armory Thursday night, but under circumstances which left Parks heatedly protesting the decision.

Parks drew first blood with his stomping leg struggle but LaBelle evened the match with a reverse sliding web, a hold that only he, on this circuit, seems to know.

Then in the fourth round the bout turned into a slugfests match. While Referee Wally Moss was breaking a hold, LaBelle caught Parks on the jaw with a haymaker to end the fight.

Sticky Knellson won his rough and tumble match with Benny Trudell on a disqualification after Trudell, bloodied from numerous spills from the right, assaulted Referee Moss while being disassembled from kicking Knellson in the throat. Up to that time the match was even with one tumble each.

In the opener Buck Weaver took two quick falls from Gorilla Poggi, both with chiropractic headlocks.

Hole In One

CORVALLIS, May 31 (AP)—Mrs. Lon Stiner, wife of the Oregon State football coach, scored a hole in one on the 135-yard fourth hole at the Corvallis Country club this week.

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Casey Stengel's mighty Oaks surged into the top spot as San Francisco's Seals turned on the Los Angeles Angels for a double drubbing, 10-6 and 8-2.

That hauled the Angels out of their roost and into a second place tie with the Seals, one game behind the Oaks, who only five weeks ago were eighth and three weeks ago better than sixth. It also gave the A's a five-to-zero series lead over Hollywood, and 12 wins in their last 13 games.

In the opener, Dewey Soriano led the Stars down with six hits while

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Simmons Is Low At Roseburg

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Forrest Lemley, Eugene, placed second with a 76, and Ward Cummings, Roseburg, and Cliff Smith, Portland, tied with 77 each. The field comprised 44 entrants, 19 from various points in the state. Match play is on today.

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