

# With Joe McCarthy At Helm, The Red Sox Are Loaded This Season

SARASOTA, Fla. (NEA)—When the Red Sox paid the Browns \$360,000 for Stephens, Kramer, Kinder and Hitchcock and threw in several guys named Joe, Dan Topping of the Yankees squawked to Commissioner Chandler.

And when the Senators obligingly passed along Stan Spence, the Sox were loaded like Notre Dame in football.

Joe McCarthy has always said: "Give me four to hit it, three to throw it, and two to make the double play, and I'll win in any league."

Well, Marse Joe certainly should have four to hit it, and then some, from among Dom DiMaggio, Pesky, Mule Williams, Spence or Jones, Stephens, Doerr and Tebbetts.

Junior Stephens and Bobby Doerr will make the double play.

That leaves pitching the only prescription to be filled. McCarthy has Johnson, Doerr, Farnell and the recruits, Earl Tison, Cot Deal and the left-handed Windy McCall and Maurice McDermott. These are exclusive of the Big Three of 1946 that flopped the Boston Americans from the top to third place last season.

The 1948 Red Sox are a striking example of the fact that a club never has enough good pitching.

Straightening out the pitching is McCarthy's main job, and the assignment couldn't be in better hands. Marse Joe develops and supervises slingers like Ben Jones handles horses. Thoroughbreds run kindly for Plain Ben. Pitchers pitch well for McCarthy.

The Buffalo Irishman still doesn't know, however, whether the Big Three of 1946 will be any more effective this trip than they were last.



Johnny Pesky, Junior Stephens, Bobby Doerr, Stan Spence, left to right, form new Red Sox infield.

Chatting with McCarthy, who will tell you the right time any time provided you see his watch, you gather that he hasn't much faith in Tex Hughson, who underwent two operations claiming to correct his ailing arm. Mickey Harris' arm appears sound again, and there have

been encouraging signs. Boo Ferriss has been so wild that he has had to aim his pitches.

Outside of the pitching, McCarthy appears to have the winning combination which he has usually managed to bob up with down through the years.

Spence and Jake Jones will alternate at first base depending on the opposing pitching. Johnny Pesky shortly will be perfectly at home at third base.

With skillful guidance and the canny McCarthy playing to his ego, Ted Williams is sure pop to have a

terrible year, easily could be the difference. The Little Professor DiMaggio in center field completes an accomplished down-through-the-middle combination. Sam Mele is to come into his own in right field.

Birdie Tebbetts is a first class catcher, who hit 299 in 1947 after moving to Fenway Park. Behind him are Babe Martin, up from Toledo and smacking a long ball, and Matt Batts, who spent last term with Toronto.

The reserves are all right. Young infielder Bill Goodman, for example, hit 289 for Atlanta in 1946 and 340 when switched from the outfield to shortstop in Louisville last summer.

This Hubbard outfit has sufficient speed, power and a friendly left field barrier at home.

Under McCarthy, the Sox will hustle and win, or else. He knows no other way. For those who might have had their own way under Joe Cronin and elsewhere, the picnic is over.

And what ballplayer doesn't want to win.

Something generally overlooked in analyzing the 1948 Red Sox is the 41-year-old McCarthy's health. The winningest manager of them all really works at his trade, and the condition of his gall bladder is about as important to the Tom Sawyer fortunes as any other one thing.

Meanwhile, interviewing the manager of the Red Sox will consist of nothing more than a lot of dumb answers to as many dumb questions.

But, rest assured, the Sox will not play dumb baseball with Joe McCarthy running the works.

# Out-Of-Shape Rocky Drubs Sonny Horne

## Non-Title Fight Goes Ten Rounds To Unanimous Nod

WASHINGTON, April 6 (AP)—If there's anything that Middleweight Champion Rocky Graziano doesn't need, it's a rest cure.

He showed that last night as he defeated Sonny Horne of Valley Stream, L. I., in a non-title bout that went the full 10 rounds.

He also showed that he will need plenty of work if he expects to defend his title successfully against Tony Zale on June 9, probably in Newark.

Graziano is famed for his knock-out punch. It was completely unemployed last night. Repeatedly Graziano swung, and repeatedly he missed, sometimes by as much as six inches.

Yet so powerful is Graziano—a stocky little character with the muscles of a 250-pounder—that his glancing blows did more damage than the straight ones from the light-jabbing Horne.

**HORNE CUT BADLY**  
At the end Horne had had cut over both eyes and looked tuckered out.

Graziano didn't have a mark on him and looked as if he was ready to fan Horne for another 10 rounds.

The judges all voted for Graziano, but many of the 5181 customers booed when the decision was announced.

Graziano, who at 160 weighed a pound less than Horne, pretty well summed up the situation in the dressing room after the fight.

"I needed this one," he said. "If they don't ban me out of the ring they'll rust me out."

He was referring, of course, to the fact that he hasn't fought since he won the title from Zale last summer.

New York has banned him because he failed to mention that someone tried to bribe him. Illinois and 13 other states have barred him because he once wandered off from the army without bothering to ask the army's consent.

**ROCKY JUST RUSTY**  
So put Graziano's troubles down as rust.

After all, he won. So did the national infantile paralysis fund. It will get Graziano's share—around \$10,000—of the \$34,737.92 gate. This was supposed to be the clinching proof of what a good boy the rock has become.

Last week the Illinois athletic commission requested the Cincinnati boxing commission to examine Charles' back. They okayed a postponement of five days from the originally scheduled April 7 bout in Chicago stadium.

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# Two Win, Two Lose

BOSTON, April 6 (AP)—Oregon fighters gained an even break in the national AAU boxing championships yesterday, two of the four Northwest hopefuls surviving second round competition.

Melvin Eagleman, who won both Washington and Oregon titles as a representative of the Chemawa Indian school, defeated Donald Flint, Little Rock, Ark. in a second round trial bout of the 118 pound division.

Arleen Gallagher, Portland, advanced through the 126-pound class with a decision win over Gary Fisher, Baltimore.

Dropping nods were Jerry Denon, Portland 112-pounder, and Charles Maxson, Corvallis heavyweight.

Today's battling will reduce the original 168 starters down to four semi-finalists in each of the eight weight classifications. Title bouts will be held Wednesday.

**FIGHTS LAST NIGHT**  
BROOKLYN — Frankie Abrams, 148, Detroit, outpointed Vinnie Rosano, 151, Brooklyn (8).  
ST. LOUIS — Charley Riley, 129, St. Louis, stopped Maxie Shapiro, 135, New York (7).  
MILWAUKEE — Bert Lytell, 163, Oakland, Calif. outpointed Major Jones, 159, Kansas City (10).

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# Kyne Predicts Good Meadows Race Meet

PORTLAND, April 6—The best horse racing ever seen in the state of Oregon was predicted today by General Manager William P. Kyne for the forthcoming spring-summer meeting at the Portland Meadows course beginning May 15.

Currently engaged with the Meadows racing secretary, Ivan Thomas, in the process of screening the record number of more than 1500 stall applications for the impending season of night racing, Kyne announced that the best 850 runners will be stabled in the Portland barns and the overflow farmed out to Gresham park and other nearby areas.

**Hawkins Battles Kahut Tonight**

PORTLAND, Ore., April 6—Roy Hawkins, former Klamath Falls boy who is now fighting out of Tacoma, Wash., and Woodburn's Joe Kahut, will mix here tonight in a 10-round heavyweight bout at the civic auditorium.

This bout is one that has been over a year in the making and which has been held up by injuries to both Kahut and Hawkins. Kahut, the more experienced, is the favorite by a small margin.

Winners on the major California circuit, consisting of Bay Meadows, where Kyne is also general manager, Santa Anita, Hollywood park, Tanforan and Golden Gate fields, will be shipped to Portland in greater numbers than ever before.

The Bay Meadows meeting is but 12 days old, and already nine thoroughbred bookers for Portland have visited the Northern California track's winner's circle, two scoring two triumphs.

The twin-win horses were Sejanus, ridden on both occasions by Kermit Fields, one of the leading riders at the 1947 Portland Meadows meeting, and Jonathan, who heads the northbound band. Others were Brack, Bee Golly, Rockkoma, Investigation, Gay Heires, Burnedox and Sir War.

**Leaky Shortstop**

YAKIMA, April 6 (AP)—A three-run homer by Yakima's Neil Bryant went for naught yesterday as Vancouver slipped through for four runs in the ninth inning to take a 7-6 decision in a Western International league exhibition clash. The Cape's winning rally was aided by three errors by Yakima Shortstop Bud Fortier.

# Court Rules Ball Exempt

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6 (AP)—The draft act provision that returning veterans must be given their jobs back when they return from service does not apply to baseball players, a high court says.

That was the ruling yesterday of the ninth U. S. circuit court of appeals in upholding a federal district court decision. The case concerned the Hollywood club of the Pacific Coast league, which released four players shortly after their return from service.

Baseball is a temporary, seasonal employment, the court held.

The Seattle and San Francisco clubs previously lost similar suits in lower courts. Al Niemiec, second baseman, won his case against Seattle.

The San Francisco Seals said they paid off seven players who sued them.

# Akron, O., Trundler Leads In ABC Singles

DETROIT, April 6 (AP)—Two war veterans occupied the spotlight in the American bowling congress tournament today after rolling totals that topped the singles and all-events leads.

Lincoln Protich, six-foot two-inch Akron, O. bowler, who served two and a half years in the Pacific theater, cracked a 721 series yesterday on games of 256, 233 and 232 to take over the solo leadership.

Only a 5-7 split in the last frame prevented the Ohioan from at least matching a 740 winning total turned in last year by Junie McMahon of Chicago.

Before Protich scored his pace-setting series, 25-year-old George Wade of Steubenville, O. climbed into the all-events lead with a 1948 total—an average of 216.1 for the nine games.

Booster teams will take over the alleys again today to remain until Thursday.

The other leaders:  
Five-man teams: Cavoli Restaurant, Cleveland, 3002.  
Doubles: W. Wilkas - J. Romano, Amsterdam, N. Y., 1328.

# Ezzard Charles Bout Postponed

CHICAGO, April 6 (AP)—Ezzard Charles' achin back had become official today and his bout with Elmer (Violent) Ray has been postponed until May 7.

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