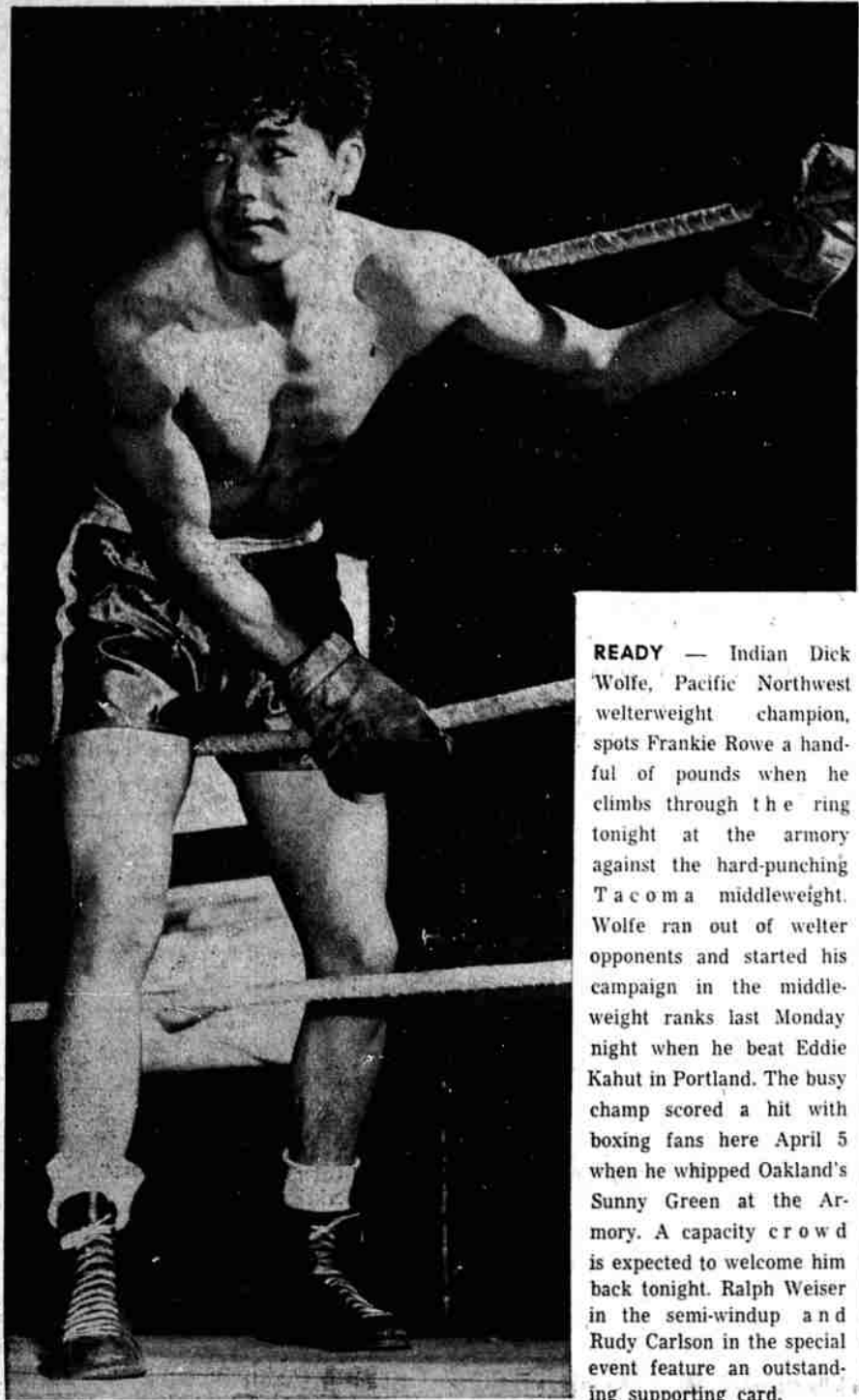


Wolfe Favored Tonight



READY — Indian Dick Wolfe, Pacific Northwest welterweight champion, spots Frankie Rowe a handful of pounds when he climbs through the ring tonight at the armory against the hard-punching Tacoma middleweight. Wolfe ran out of welter opponents and started his campaign in the middleweight ranks last Monday night when he beat Eddie Kahut in Portland. The busy champ scored a hit with boxing fans here April 5 when he whipped Oakland's Sunny Green at the Armory. A capacity crowd is expected to welcome him back tonight. Ralph Weiser in the semi-windup and Rudy Carlson in the special event feature an outstanding supporting card.

SPORTS

Brown Hurlers Keep St. Louis in Chase

By The Associated Press
"There's only one place to finish and that's first."
Rogers Hornsby made this sage comment before the season opened. His precocious St. Louis Browns act like he meant it. Running neck and neck with Cleveland for the American League lead, they sound like the big noise of early season.

First Ned Garver. Then Tommy Byrne. And now Bob Cain, going to route against Detroit for a club that got only one complete game in three from 13 pitchers last season.

Cain, acquired from Detroit in a seven-man deal during spring training, rubbed it in Thursday by whipping his old Tiger mates, 3-1. Wandering Bob allowed nine hits but most of them were harmless singles.

Cleveland wasted many of its 17 hits in running over Chicago for a third straight triumph 5-3. Despite a heavy barrage that included a 425-foot homer by Luke Easter in the fifth, the Tribe gave Mike Garcia only a one-run lead going to the ninth.

Bobby Shantz, smallest pitcher in the league, beat the World Champion New York Yankees with his left arm and bat to give Philadelphia a 3-1 decision over Eddie Lopat. The five-foot-six pitcher scattered nine hits and gave his team the lead run with a single in the fourth, breaking a 1-1 tie.

The Boston "Rookie" Sox turned the heat on Washington for a 9-2 romp with Freshman Faye Throneberry hitting a bases-loaded home run off Bob Johnson in the six-run sixth.

Brooklyn continued to pound the ball as though Manager Chuck Dressen expected to open up his 13 1/2 game lead by Decoration Day. In three wins at Boston, the Dodgers hammered 48 hits for a team batting average of .378. Thursday Brooklyn won 8-2.

Connie Ryan, an ex-Giant, slashed two-run homer in the 11th inning to give his new Philadelphia Phil pals a 5-0 victory over the New York Giants. Del Ennis' spectacular barehanded catch of Willie Mays' screamer saved Redfield Baker from a no-hitter. St. Louis was dumped from the unbeaten class by Pittsburgh's rookie-studded Pirates, 5-3.

Kenny Raffensberger, who always finds Chicago an easy mark, shut out the Cubs with five hits for Cincinnati's 3-0 edge.



BOBBY SHANTZ throttles Bombers

MINOR LEAGUE Results

By The Associated Press
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Rochester 5 Springfield 2
Syracuse 4 Montreal 3
Baltimore 3 Toronto 2
Only games scheduled

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
Milwaukee 6 Minneapolis 5
Louisville 2 Toledo 1
St. Paul 9 Kansas City 8
Indianapolis 14 Columbus 6

TEXAS LEAGUE
Ft. Worth 6 Oklahoma City 5, 13
innings
Dallas 4 Tulsa 3

Bean Shades Jess Hall

TACOMA, W. — Willie Bean of Los Angeles took a split decision from Jess Hall of Tacoma Thursday night in a 10-round boxing match billed as the Pacific Coast Heavyweight championship.

Cougars Even Beaver Series

CORVALLIS, Ore. — The Washington State College baseball team defeated Oregon State 9-3 Thursday, evening their Northern Division Pacific Coast Conference series at a win apiece.

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Champ Meets Rowe

By RED HURD
Whether welterweight Dick Wolfe can spot a hard-punching middleweight in the neighborhood of 10 pounds and get away with it is a question that will be settled with flashing leather tonight at the Armory.

Ambitious Dick, the Pacific Northwest champion, is making his second invasion of the middleweight ranks when he meets Frankie Rowe, a Tacoma, Wash., fighter with oomph in his gloves.

On Wolfe's decisive win over another middleweight, Eddie Kahut in Portland Monday night, the welter kingpin will hold the long end of the unofficial odds tonight.

But Rowe's style differs entirely from that of Sunny Green, Wolfe's victim two weeks ago here. Green, an Oakland welterweight, was a counter-puncher.

GLOVEMAN
Rowe is a digger who keeps on the offensive and throws plenty of gloves. So is Wolfe—so something has to give. It shapes up as a fight ring customers will be talking about for some time to come.

Rowe is the lad who a couple of seasons ago had Ural Snapp ready for the delivery—when he ran into one of Snapp's dynamite right hands.

This main event is supported by an outstanding card of two sizes and two fours—all potentially knockout productions.

Referee Wally Moss should be kept busy wagging counts tonight with all the principals boys with sock ability.

No elaboration is necessary for Ralph Weiser, who occupies the six-round semi-windup spot against Boise's Bobby Doll. The Beatty Bomber's right hand is a businesslike weapon that usually makes things easy for the judges.

BOTH WIN
Both Weiser and Doll have whipped Jimmy Proctor—Weiser by a knockout, Doll by decision—so this one shapes up as a real donnybrook.

The six-round special event puts Monty Montgomery against Rudy Carlson. It marks Montgomery's return to ring wars after a short layoff. It may be a short return if the Sprague River Indian runs into one of Carlson's TNT-laden right hands.

The two four-round house-warmers put Chilouquin's Billy Sunday against Merrill's Stan Virges and Clyde Phoenix of Willow Creek against Klamath's Darrell Harrington.

The Armory ticket-office opens at 7:30, one hour before the opener.

Bob Gerv, outfield rookie for the Yankees, was a baseball and basketball star for the University of Nebraska.

One of the University of Alabama's top candidates for the varsity tennis squad is David Riggs, nephew of the famous net star Bobby Riggs.

Bob Feller of the Cleveland Indians holds a lifetime edge over every American League club except the Yankees. He's beaten them 28 times, lost 33.

Three California harness horses were recently exported to Japan. They were the first to go there from the U.S. since 1931.

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