

Bob Mathias Holds Plushy Lead

Halfway Decathlon Score Up

TULARE, Calif. (AP)—Decathlon King Bob Mathias leads the way into the final five events of the 1952 decathlon Wednesday night, already far ahead of his own brilliant rivals in a drive toward the Olympic Games, his second straight triumph in this international battle and his fourth national championship.

The 6-foot-2, 200-pound pride of Tulare and Stanford University racked up 4294 points Tuesday night, 160 points more than he scored in his record-breaking performance in 1950 at the halfway mark. And since 1950 the scoring system has been revised, primarily downward. His 1949 Olympic halfway mark was only 3246 points.

Mathias' closest rival is Milton Campbell, a high school senior in the East, from Plainfield, N. J. who scored 4122 points, 222 points behind the champion.

Trailing behind in the bid for the three places on the U. S. decathlon team are Bill Albano, Los Angeles, Athletic Club, at 4107; Floyd Simmons, also of the LAAC, 3939; and Bill Miller, Navy cadet from Arizona State at Tampa, 3712.

Ed Barker of Granger, Wash., had 3572.

Mathias started out with a 10.8 in the 100 meter dash, better than his 10.9 two years ago. He broad-jumped 23 feet 5 1/2 inches, and put the shot 49.19 feet, improving his 1950 marks of 23-3 1/2 and 47-6.

He ran the 400 meters in 0:50.8, improving his old time in the decathlon of 0:51.0. His 4974 was far ahead of his Olympic score of 3848.

Grayson Opines Sugar Best of Poor Lot

By HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor
NEW YORK (NEA)—Ray Robinson on a wound up his handiecap match with Joey Maxim missing with a roundhouse right and falling flat on his face in the 13th round.

This frightful finish for "The Best Fighter Pound-for-Pound" was brought about by the heat and steady pressure applied by the light-heavyweight champion.

But Sugar Ray Robinson fell down after missing in a half-dozen or more corner punches against very ordinary opponents.

The Harlem Hot Shot who won

the writer and middleweight championships was off F-lance often than any topnotch pugman the oldest inhabitant can recall.

Those who considered Robinson an all-time great just didn't know the mechanics of the game.

He repeatedly led with a left hook, which is a counter punch, or one to be wrapped up in a series.

He was guilty of the sucker trick of leading with his right.

Stickers of the past—Benny Leonard and Mickey Walker, to name two—would have spotted Robinson's several flaws and belted him around more than somewhat.

The fellow who led to them with a left hook, for example, got a receipt in the form of either a left hook or an inside right cross.

From the time he first came around, Robinson has been a mark for a left hook to the head.

When the real test came, he didn't even know how to pace himself against a rather mediocre defensive fighter who wasn't doing much damage to him, accounting for his and ending.

But there are few teachers left and fewer performers of worth, no flashy shadow boxers set all-time ranking from Johnny-Come-Lately's

on the strength of an imposing-looking record compiled largely against nobodies.

Mighty few, if any, schooled observers accorded Robinson that considerable reputation to a considerable extent was promulgated on victories over Jake LaMotta at Buehly, yet LaMotta, not far removed from the club fighter class, once best him and always stirred up trouble.

Artie Levine had him on the deck last night in Cleveland, and the referee gave him an additional eight seconds wiping off his gloves.

Tommy Bell knocked Robinson down and staggered him several times with left hooks to the jaw before blowing a 15 round decision.

Bandy Turpin, previously distinguished, gave Robinson a good going over in London. In the rematch, the so highly-regarded Robinson, losing with an ugly wound above his left eye, knocked out the Lexington Lad in sheer desperation in the 10th.

In every important match up to the one with Maxim, Robinson had the advantage of speed, height and reach and knew how to make use of it. Against Maxim and his 15 1/2-

pound pull, he had only speed until he ran out of petrol. And the other guy could defend himself.

Keeping on top of Robinson, making him do something all the while, was the one smart thing Maxim did. Sugar Ray's only happy moments came when the seasick referee, Ruby Goldstein, was a bit hesitant in breaking them.

Sugar Ray Robinson was nothing more than the choicest of the inferior lot around in his day, and now he knows why they put prize

Cleveland Nips Browns in 19

Brissie Tops Satch Paige In Relief

By The Associated Press
Baseball's unsmiling minute men—the relief pitchers—should feel mighty proud of themselves.

Totally, if ever, have the hurry-up hurlers performed as gallantly as they did Tuesday throughout the major leagues.

Here is a rundown on the starters as only two of the 16 relievers went the distance.

1. Lou Brissie and Satchel Paige—worked up in a spectacular pitching duel from the 10th inning on with Brissie and Cleveland finally defeating the St. Louis Browns in a record tying 19-inning game, 4-3.

Brissie relieved Bob Feller in the 10th and hurled nine scoreless innings before yielding a tally in the top of the 19th. Paige pitched 19 useless frames, after replacing Ned Guver in the ninth.

2. Clem Labine—worked four scoreless innings for Brooklyn after relieving Ralph Branca and was credited with the victory when the Dodgers came from behind to nip the Philadelphia Phillies, 4-3.

The Dodgers retain their three and a half game National League lead.

3. Hoyt Wilhelm—stopped a Boston threat in the fifth and settled on to field two runs in the next four innings as the Giants held the Braves their sixth straight loss, 6-3, to remain on the heels of the Dodgers.

TIME OUT!

Look at this way, Eddie. In the history books of baseball how many players will be listed for hitting into a triple play three times in "one game"?

Torgeson Wins 'Broken Bat' Beef

BOSTON (AP)—Statistically speaking, the seventh place Boston Braves are close to being the National League's doormat. But their aggressive Earl Torgeson has indicated just how dangerous it is to try to walk on them.

Brooklyn's Snodgrass, Wash, enlivened Boston's 6-3 defeat by the New York Giants Tuesday night by storming the latter's bench to attack catcher Sal Yvars.

That donnybrook had its start when Torgeson went to bat in the first inning. Yvars complained that Torgeson was hitting him on the "hins" with the backswing of his bat. To which Torgeson gruffly suggested that Yvars get back a step or two, for he was crowding the plate.

Torgeson then connected for a single and when he reached first base, the Giants' Whitey Lockman

The STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Brooklyn	48	18	.727
New York	45	22	.672
Chicago	38	31	.551
St. Louis	39	34	.534
Philadelphia	3	37	.448
Cincinnati	31	39	.443
Cleveland	27	43	.386
Pittsburgh	19	53	.264

Tuesday's Results
Brooklyn 4, Philadelphia 3
New York 6, Boston 3
St. Louis 8, Cincinnati 3
Pittsburgh 3, Chicago 2

Pads Beat Bevos On Seventh-Inning Blitz

By The Associated Press
The half-way mark has been reached in the 1952 Pacific Coast League pennant chase.

The pre-season favorite, Hollywood, is right where the experts picked it—in first place, two games ahead of the surprise team of the year—San Diego. Oakland is making a real battle of it, and is only four games out of the top.

Los Angeles, so far a disappointment, is nine games behind Hollywood, and Seattle, another bitter disappointment, is in the fifth spot, 10 games out.

For all practical purposes, these are the teams that have a chance to win the flag, and any one of them could do it with a sustained late-season spurt.

Oakland started out after the leaders Tuesday night, whipping Hollywood by a 6 to 1 margin as Al Gettel held the Stars to six hits. Sacramento crawled out of the cellar by a 10 to 5 decision over Seattle. It was a free-swinging contest, 30 hits being registered, some of them pop flies between the Seattle infielders and outfielders.

San Diego put on a four-run seventh inning, defeating Portland 6 to 2. Frank Kerr started the inning by doubling, and Jack Tobin tripled, Dick Faber singled, scoring Tobin, and Herb Gorman's double counted Faber. Jack Graham's double pushed across Gorman. Lefty Al Olsen went the distance, although the Beavers touched him for 10 hits.

Moving into the basement was San Francisco, which bowed to Los Angeles, 6 to 2. This was good ball



SWIMS, TOO—Anne Francis displays a few good reasons why she was selected Swim for Health queen. The Hollywood beauty is a rarity. She goes into the water.



TRAGIC IS the story behind Eric Pedersen's apparent run-out in his wrestling match with Georges Duzelette about three months ago.

Up to Monday night, the story was little more than rumor.

Monday night, Pedersen, the Scandinavian Muscle Boy, stopped at the YMCA en route to a mat booking in Salem Tuesday night.

In a voice that wasn't altogether steady, Pedersen asked me to please tell the people why he didn't fill his date with Duzelette.

Several days before his match with the Canadian Hercules, Pedersen's wife and two-year-old baby, Bec, were involved in an auto accident.

"Bec never pulled through," Pedersen said.

"My wife (Barbara) suffered a severe spinal injury and is still in a mental shock over losing our little boy."

The fatal accident happened in Santa Ana, Calif., Pedersen's home. The Pedersen car crashed with one carrying a man and his wife, who were said to be intoxicated.

PEDERSEN'S SALEM bout was the first since his last showing in the Armory here.

"I had seen my boy only six months since he was born," Pedersen said, "and planned to quit wrestling, find a job at Santa Ana to be with my family."

"But now I have to go back to wrestling."

Expenses incurred from the tragic, fatal accident ate up Pedersen's savings and he's going back in the ring "because we need the money."

There's a chance local wrestling fans will get to see the Eric Pedersen-Duzelette match, after all, when the Armory doors swing open for weekly mat shows again in September.

"Tell the fans, I'll meet Duzelette anytime, any place," he said last night.

Red Rolfe Axe Looks Certain

DETROIT (AP)—It appeared pretty certain Wednesday that Red Rolfe is going to be fired as manager of the Detroit Tigers.

Rolfe, who has been in charge since he was named manager in 1949, was fired after a 1951 season that ended with a 69-85 record.

He was replaced by Alvin Karpis, who had a 1951 record of 69-85.

Rolfe, nearly everybody agreed, is going to get the axe Saturday.

Walter (Spike) Briggs, president of the Detroit club, has called a meeting of his board of directors for late Saturday.

Briggs said he will go before the directors and recommend a change in managers for the rest of the 1952 season.

Briggs said he also will recommend that Third Base Coach Dick Bartell be released. But he said he did not know what the new manager will be.

Briggs said that Tiger Coach Ted Lyons definitely will be considered for interim manager.

Spokane Backs Into 2nd

By The Associated Press
Spokane regained second place in the Western International League Tuesday night but most of the credit goes to the Yakima Bears.

The Bears, league doormat most of the season, reared up from the cellar and smacked Vancouver twice 7-5 and 5-1.

Spokane also lost, dropping a 6-0 verdict at Salem, but moved six percentage points ahead of Vancouver, in the seaway struggle for the runnerup slot, on the strength of Yakima's double triumph.

The Bears broke a 5-5 tie with two runs in the ninth inning to win the half of a team bill at Victoria. Wenatchee took the nightcap 3-1.

Erratic pitching and baselining bobbles gave Tri-City a 7-1 victory over Lewiston. The Braves capitalized on four Lewiston errors and 11 bases on balls to win the opener of the three-game series at Kennewick. Tri-City's Bob Greenwood yielded five scattered hits.



LOU BRISSIE

Rockets Lose To Merrill

Merrill beat the Rockets, 15-10, in a Civic Stadium League make-up game last night.

Winning pitcher was Joan Linard.

Sedgman In Finals

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)—Top-seeded Frank Sedgman moved to the finals of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships Wednesday by defeating Mervyn Rose in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5 in an all-Australian men's singles semi-final match.

CHILDREN'S THE GUN STORE

Cowboy Boots
Hats
Holster Sets
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Olympic Divers Praised

SPTS — 330 OLYMPIC
NEW YORK (AP)—"This is the greatest team ever," said Olympic coach Mike Prepe Wednesday as the trials for the U.S. squad entered the second of a three-day session in the Astoria pool.

David (Skippy) Browning, University of Texas junior, Bob Clotworthy, an Ohio State junior and Miller Anderson an ex-Ohio State were the three reasons for Prepe's optimism. They finished one-two-three, respectively in Tuesday's three-meter trials.

Browning was the big star. The 21-year-old redhead received close to the maximum allowable points for his 12 dives and lead from the start. His total was 1,037.45.

Richard Moore of Kelso, Wash., and Washington State College finished next-to-points in the field of 29. He had 225.20 points.

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