



THOUGH NATURALLY righthanded, Rocky Marciano's left hook, a knockout weapon, is considered by boxing experts as one of the best ever. Left hooks flattened Kid Matthews in their recent short fight and also figured in Marciano's other prominent victories over Joe Louis and Rex Layne.

Angels Snap Slump, Blank Beavers 5-0

By The Associated Press
The Seattle Rainiers turned in their first Pacific Coast League victory in six games Wednesday night, while the Portland Beavers received their first setback in as many starts.

Gavilan Watched

CHICAGO (AP) — At the age of 30, and after 113 professional fights, Irish Billy Graham is willing to admit that it's hard work being a boxer.

"I always liked to fight and can remember when I'd rather fight than eat," he said. "But now it's just plain hard work. The only thing that keeps me going is the chance at Gavilan's title."

After polishing off rugged Carmen Basilio, the Uptate New York former onco-grower, in 10 rounds at Chicago Stadium last night, Graham wasn't even breathing hard.

"I'm going back to New York and rest for five days then go back to work," he said. "I'll start preparing for Gavilan by doing roadwork at Greenwood Lake (N.Y.) then move my training quarters to Miami about Sept. 10 or 2. I'll go to Cuba 10 days before the fight."

The powerfully built Graham, who, in his Chicago debut, impressed ringiders as the sharpest and cleverest boxer since Ray Robinson, will shoot for Kid Gavilan's welterweight crown in Havana Oct. 4.

A full game behind Hollywood, Nagy limited the heavy hitting Acorns to five blows, while the Rainiers drove Al Gettel out in the seventh.

Nagy bashed in the first Seattle run with a bases loaded single in the fifth, and Seattle sewed up the game in the seventh on a hit batsman, a walk, a double by Nanny Fernandez and a squeeze bunt by Bob Boyd.

Nagy now has beaten the Oaks five times in six starts against them this season.

Los Angeles snapped out of a slump that had seen them win only one of their last 11 games.

The Angels blanked up-and-coming Portland, 5-0. Lefty Joe Hatten, ex-Chicago Cub, allowing only three hits.

Hatten had remarkable control for a pitcher. He didn't get behind a single batter until the eighth, talked his first man in that inning, and then in the ninth almost lost his control completely.

He walked three men in order, but with the sacks loaded he got the last two batters on an infield pop and a roller to third. Angel third sacker Leon Brinkopf blasted his 19th homer in the third, starting a three-run rally.

Sacramento traded Walt Clough to San Francisco earlier this season.

Wednesday night he pitched the Seals to a 2 to 0 win over his former mates.

Hollywood dumped San Diego 2-1.

Shooters Rehearse

VANDALIA, O. (AP) — About 1,500 of the western hemisphere's best marksmen staged the area rehearsal Thursday for trapshooting's finest show.

The feature at the 53rd Grand American was the preliminary handicap, a 100-target event in which the shooters are placed from 17 to 25 yards back of the traps from which the flying ducks emerge. The handicap yardage is based on the shooter's average for the year and his known ability.

The preliminary, won last year by Walter F. McVey of New Providence, Pa., is a preview of Friday's Grand American handicap.

The marksmen rested up Wednesday for the stretch drive by firing in class championships, in which each shooter completed only against those with comparable averages. The class winners included:

AA — H. N. Ferguson, Fontana, Calif., defeated Bobbie Lee Smith, Casey, Ill., the 1943 and 1944 National Junior champion, and Arnold Riegger, Seattle, the year's big money winner, in a shootout after the trio had tied at 200 straight.

Ferguson broke 75 straight in the shootout, with Stiffal taking second and Riegger third.

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AMATEUR GOLF FIELD CUT DOWN TO SIXTEEN

SEATTLE, (AP) — Sixteen survivors of play headed by former champion Charlie Coe and such strong challengers as Walker Cup player Jimmy McHale, sailor Gene Littler and Crooner Don Cherry, head into another double round of match play Thursday in the Men's National Amateur Golf championship.

Coe, the 1949 champion, and McHale are familiar names in the national classic.

Littler and Cherry earned their way into prominence by producing the two most resounding triumphs of the fifth round yesterday afternoon.

Littler, 22-year-old former junior star, with perhaps the most brilliant play thus far in the tournament, defeated the British amateur champion, Harvie Ward, Jr., of Tarboro, N. C., 4 and 2.

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threat, cooled off before the golf of Paul Johnson, Seattle Johnson came out of a tree, literally, on the ninth fairway — to save the hole — and go on to win, one up.

Ray Billows, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., a three-time runner-up, like Stranahan, will have to wait a year for Marion Hickey, Twin Falls, Idaho, who had a rough time winning Dr. Charles J. Trapp, Rochester, N. Y., one up on the 19th.

A 20-foot putt on the 22nd hole earned a win for Jack Westland, Everett, Wash., on the 23rd over Raleigh Soble, Henderson, Texas.

Coe had a rough time winning from John Levinson, Niles, Ill., 2 and one, in the fourth round, but easier against W. B. Hyde, Olympia, Wash., 4 and 3.

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Athletics in Stretch Drive?

NEW YORK (AP) — It's beginning to look as though Jimmy Dykes' bustling band of Philadelphia Athletics are starting to make another stretch run reminiscent of last year's final quarter push.

With a come-from-behind 4-3 win over the Detroit Tigers last night the Philadelphia moved into a tie for fifth place with the Chicago White Sox, eight games behind the first-place Yankees.

And to make their threat serious, the A's have as well a balanced squad statistically as there is in the league. Three of their number either lead or are near the top in almost every hitting department.

Ferris Fain, Dykes' swarthy first baseman, is making a substantial bid to retain the league hitting crown he won last year. He is setting the pace with a .341 mark, 14 points ahead of his closest pursuers, Dale Mitchell of Cleveland and the Yankees' Gene Woodling, who are deadlocked in second place with .327.

The A's first sacker, whose forte is consistency, went four-for-five last night.

After a slow start Fain rose gradually from the low 200s by virtue of two long hitting streaks, one for 24 games, a league high this year. He also seems to have abandoned the habit of aiming for the fences. The results speak for themselves, as his 140 hits are second best, and his 36 doubles are tops in the league.

The long ball department is in the hands of us Zernial. Gus set the pace last season in home runs and runs batted in and is making motions toward the double crown again. He stands third in homers with 22 and third in RBI's with 78.

Last in the trio of Athletics so prominent in American League hitting is the remarkable Eddie Joost. At the present sidelined with a leg injury, the 36-year-old shortstop has been in the big leagues for 16 years, but still ranks second in runs with 79 and just out of the top five in home runs with 19. Bespectacled Eddie has also knocked in 61 runs, an eye-opening figure for a leadoff man. In this capacity he tops all leadoff men in baseball.

In pitching there's no need to mention how the A's stack up. Every other baseball story this year has been about Bobby Shantz. Just for the record, he is second among A. L. hurlers in percentage with .840. His 21 victories are tops. In strikeouts little Bob is third with 118.

At the least it looks that way with the pilot of the world champions holding out his two ace pitchers — Allie Reynolds and Vic Raschi—for the two-game series against the red-hot Cleveland Indians opening in Yankee Stadium tomorrow.

"Old Case" obviously concerned with Al Lopez's sluggers breathing down his neck, twice had led with second-string hurlers against the second-division Chicago White Sox.

And twice he has seen his proud Yanks go down to defeat. As a result today they hold only a one-game margin over the Indians and that's in the win column. They're all square on the losing side—50 games each.

That's the shortest lead held by the champions since June 14, when they paced Cleveland by a half-

length.

Stengel, however, will try again today to whip the Pale Hose with a second-string pitcher. He has nominated rookie Tom Gorman, a righthander with a 4 and 1 record. Should Gorman fall and the Indians again beat the Boston Red Sox, the Cleveland leading by one percentage point.

Present plans call for Reynolds to hurl tomorrow's game against the Indians with Raschi getting Saturday's assignment.

Either one or both were ready to pitch against Chicago but Casey chose to gamble with Johnny Schmitz Tuesday night and lost.

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Spokane Spurting

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The Spokane Indians, still hoping to overtake Victoria in the Western International League pennant chase bashed Yakima twice Wednesday night to make it 21 wins in 28 starts.

The Indians chased in six runs in the sixth inning and added two more in the eighth to down the Bears 8-3 in the first game of a doubleheader at Spokane, then took the seven-inning nightcap 2-1.

The double win left Spokane still 11 1/2 games behind Victoria's Yees who were shutout 6-0 by the Tri-City Braves.

In other league action, Wenatchee trounced Lewiston 13-6 and Salem nosed out Vancouver 3-1.

Bob Greenwood limited Victoria to four hits in pitching his shutout at Kennewick. None of the Yees reached third base.

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Hunting Openers

PORTLAND (AP) — Elk, antelope and sage grouse seasons open Saturday in some sections of Oregon.

The one-week elk season, for which 200 permits have been issued, is in the Troy area of Malheur County.

Antelope hunting will open Saturday for one week in Area 2, covering Harney County and a small part of Lake County. The antelope season in Area 3, including Malheur County, starts Aug. 30. The season in Area 1, covering most of Lake County and part of Deschutes, opened last Saturday. Four hundred permits were issued for each of the areas.

Sage grouse season will open in Harney and Malheur Counties in Lake County east of Warner Bailey road and Highway 395. Bag limit is four birds daily and not more than eight in the season which ends Sept. 4. Dove and band-tailed pigeon seasons open Sept. 1.

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Tiger Ted Lowry of New Bedford, Mass., will be Harry Matthews' opponent when the Kid starts his comeback in a 10-round bout here Sept. 1.

Lowry was selected Wednesday to face the Seattle heavyweight. It will be Matthews' first time out since he was kayoed by Rocky Marciano in Yankee Stadium last month.

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