SOME NUMBER—Left halfback Jerry Marchand is pleased that Louisiana State's new letter-number system wins the approval of Co-ed Bootsie Duke.

Hacker Captures ERA Lead

NEW YORK (AP) — Warren Hacker, 27-year-old Chicago Cub righthander has taken over the National League's earned run lead as the 1952 campaign rolls into its final six days.

Earned run averages compiled by the Associated Press disclose that Hacker, who has 15 victories and eight setbacks, has permitted 46 earned runs in 180 innings for a 2.30 mark. The Cub fastballer is scheduled for one more start this season, that against the St. Louis Cardinals next week-end.

Joe Black, Brooklyn's amazing Rookie, actually is the nominal pace-setter with a 1.91 earned run average.

But the Negro righty, who hurled his first complete game in 55 appearances against Boston last Sunday, has pitched only 137 innings. He needs 17 more to reach 154, the minimum requirement to be eligible for the title.

Allie Reynolds strengthened his grip on the American League lead last Sunday by blanking the Philadelphia A's, 1-0. The 34-year-old New York Yankee veteran, in registering his sixth shutout, reduced his ERA to 2.07. Allie, a 19-game winner, has allowed 54 earned runs in 235 innings.

SHARPE SHOT—Lt. Col. Thomas J. Sharpe scored 210 straight bull's-eyes to establish a new .45-caliber pistol record. He was competing in the National Rifle Association meet in Jacksonville, Fla.

Fight On For Club Tee Titles

Reames golfers—both men and women — have first-round decks cleared and are sharpening war clubs for a continuation of the fight for the club championships.

Championship flight winners in the men's first round were Andy Toyly over Bill Bratton, Tom Perkins over Earl Welmar, Ray Beeber over John West, George Brosterhous over John Merryman, Moon Mullis over Howard Perrin, Norm Moty over Frank Hall and Lloyd Drew over Carl Woods.

The losers drop into first flight play.

Second - flight play saw Ray Oldenberg beat Royal Shaw, Ed Robinson eliminate Ted Bingham, O. H. Buffington defeat E. H. Thompson and Howard Scroggin bench Cliff Baxter.

Don Drullner beat Mack Lillard, Loren Palmerton won over Eddie Hall, Ed Brosterhous sidelined Wes McNee and Guy Barker defeated Dick Finnell in third flight play.

FOURTH FLIGHT

Fred Scott, Frank Mosebar and Jerry Widger beat Ed Samuels, Lee Scarlett and Bill Hagelstein in fourth flight play.

Lyle Rothenberger beat Al House and Vince Lawler beat Jack Propst in fifth flight competition.

Sixth-flight players drew first-round byes and Ed Hickman beat Wes Lorenz and Earl Kent beat Bob Adams in second-round play.

Players still in contention for the women's title are Luster Nerseth with a win over Ellen Farrens, Marge Larkin over Jean Kesterson, Mary Drew over Lena Smith, Frances Mosebar over Jean Reynolds, Betty McCulloch over Mildred Merryman, Clara Grove over Helen Bechen, Mildred Soukup over Marcella Raymond by default and Dorothy Swanson over Myrtle Schuss.

Losers continue in first-flight play.

DRAW BYES

Second-round matches in the second flight—players drew byes in the first round—saw Gwen Miller beat Jo Rothenberger, Mabel Merryman beat Eve Ashley, Mickey Hall beat Helen Brink and Helen Perkins beat Gladys Bingham.

Semi-finals in the senior women's division have Nell Hancock against May Stephens and Pearl Drew against Exene Humble.

In a Sunday afternoon Derby, low gross honors went to Andy Toyly and Mrs. Clara Grove with an 88; low net laurels to Lyle Rothenberger and Mildred Merryman with a 75; Toyly topped the men with a nine-hole 41, using just a six-iron and putter; the best among the women was Mildred Merryman with a 46; Ruth Weimer, rusty after 12 years absence from the game, captured the dubious honor of having the most trouble on the greens; Mrs. Moon Mullis won the same doubtful honor on the tees.

Local Dogs Finish High

Local dogs didn't sweep the field in San Francisco's retriever trials —but they made a healthy showing.

In the open all-age feature event, Montgomery's Sal, owned by Phelma Montgomery, handled by Pat Montgomery, finished third. A certificate of merit went to Odessa Creek Spunky, owned and handled by Montgomery.

Four Klamath dogs placed in the qualifying stakes. Second place went to Morgan's Nightmare, owned by Eleanor Henselman, handled by Richard Morgan; third to Crater Lake Sidecar, owned and handled by Arnie Molling; CM's to Duchess of Eldorado, owned and handled by Giggers Koschnick, and Rogue River Tim, owned and handled by William Stanley.

Hal's Spi-Wise Zeke won a second place in the derby stakes, a puppy owned by Hal Shidler, handled by Montgomery. Fourth in the derby was won by Dynafly McGonigle, owned by R. R. McEanry, handled by Montgomery.

MINOR LEAGUE RESULTS

By The Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
(Best of seven finals)
Rochester 6 Montreal 2 (Rochester leads, 2-1)

TEXAS LEAGUE
(Best-of-seven finals)
Shreveport 2 Oklahoma City 1 (Shreveport leads, 3-1)

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION
(Best-of-seven finals)
Mobile 4 Memphis 3 (Series tied 1-1)

NICE CATCH—Whether you believe in mermaids or not, comely Chips De Winter would be a pleasant catch for any fisherman. The "mermaid" helped the Miami,. Fla., Fashion Council launch its annual resort style week.

IRISH STAFF SCATTERED

NOTRE DAME, Ind. (AP) — The seven members of Notre Dame's football coaching staff come from different states. Head Coach Frank Leahy is from Winner, S. D.; John Druze from Irvington, N. J.; John Lujack from Connellsville, Pa.; Joe McArdle from Lowell,Mass.; Bob McBride, from Logan, O.; Bill Early from Parkersburg, W. Va., and Wally Ziemba from Hammond, Ind.

SKEETERS AT DUKE

DURHAM, N.C. (AP)—Duke's revised football rosters lists five New Jersey athletes. They are Chris LaCaruba of Phillipsburg, Carl (Yogi) Bonin and Captain Lou Tepe of Englewood, Bob Pascal of Bloomfield and Abbie Pignator of Long Branch.

HIGHLAND SLING — Kilts swirling, Lochearnhead's brawny Ewen Cameron whirls throwing the light hammer during Scotland's traditional Braemar Gathering.

Marciano 8-5 Choice

Rain Threatens Title Tiff; Joe Confident

By MURRAY ROSE

PHILADELPHIA (AP) Champion Jersey Joe Walcott and dynamic Rocky Marciano anxiously peered at the glowering skies today as they marked off the long hours for their heralded heavyweight title clash in Municipal Stadium.

A light drizzle dampened the Friendly City last night and early today and the forecast was for rain through most of the day.

If it rains late today and a postponement is necessary, the 15-round bout will be put on tomorrow with Thursday an additional stand-by date.

Although the fight, starting at 9:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, won't be shown on home television, it will be beamed via a closed circuit to a record number of 90 theaters in 31 cities coast to coast. New England theaters and those in the Philadelphia area will not be in on the network.

YOUTH VS. AGE

Some 120,000 to 140,000 spectators are expected to view the "youth vs. age" struggle in the theaters at prices ranging up to $4.80.

The possibility of rain brought to mind the heavyweight title scrap between Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey in this same huge bowl just 26 years ago today. Gentleman Gene lifted the Manassa Mauler's crown in a battle fought in a heavy downpour that drenched both the pugilists and the 120,747 fans. The customers shelled out $1,895,733 — a record then — to witness the tremendous upset.

There won't be anything close to those figures tonight — if the bout goes on — but it will be the richest heavyweight promotion since the Joe Louis - Walcott return on June 25, 1948.

PURSES

Co-promoters Jim Norris and Herman Taylor look for a crowd of 50,000 and a gate of between $550,000 and $600,000. Walcott will collect 40 per cent of the net while the 28-year old challenger will receive 20 per cent. They'll get the same percentage of the theater-TV and movie money.

The swarthy, powerful, undefeated challenger from Brockton, Mass., remained the favorite to dethrone the 38-year-old as the big bettors took the rubber bands off their hefty bankrolls. The latest odds boosted Rocky up to an 8 to 5 choice.

The odds didn't bother Walcott — an underdog through most of his 22 year career — nor did the writers' picks. Boxing writers plumped for the youngster with the explosive fists by a better than 5 to 1 margin. Jersey Joe got a chuckle out of this, remembering how wrong the majority of the "experts" were on his successful June 5 defense against Ezzard Charles in the same stadium.

CONFIDENT

The old guy is supremely confident he will hand the crude but dangerous challenger the first licking of his career. Although Walcott has repudiated statements he made to reputable newsmen that Rocky will be an easy mark, there is no doubt that the champion and his followers are looking for a quick knockout.

Trainer Dan Florio says, "Joe will knock him stiff in the first round."

Charley Goldman, Marciano's little trainer, predicts Rocky will win "somewhere between the sixth and eighth rounds."

For the record, the fighters gave out with the usual "I think I'm going to win. Otherwise why would I be fighting?"

Almost everyone in this town agrees this fight won't go the limit. Our pick is Rocky in six rounds.

Rocky May Shoot At Joe's Tummy

By GAYLE TALBOT

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—You've got to go with raw, rugged youth in this one, so the pick is for Rocky Marciano, 28, to wear down Jersey Joe Walcott, 38, and stop the world champion somewhere after the 10th round of tonight's fight. It might happen a little sooner if the Camden Pappy becomes careless.

Marciano, an unbeaten young man of great potentialities, plans to go out and tuck down his granite jaw and throw punches at Walcott's body until something comes loose.

"Walcott might get away from two or three of them in a row," says Charlie Goldman, the Marciano trainer, "but he'll only find more coming after him. He can't block or get away from all of them. Every one that hits his belly will take something out of him. He'll feel it in his legs first. When he's ready, Rocky will knock him out."

BODY ATTACK

Obviously, the challenger's camp does not feel that Walcott's previous opponents have exploited the body attack as they might have.

Looking at some of Walcott's more recent bouts on television or almost every exchange of blows on films, they noticed that after Jersey Joe dropped his gloves and made quite a production of hiking up his tights before resuming the fray. They decided he might be hiding his front with the gloves while he is taking a long, welcome breath.

"Yeah," Rocky grinned when asked about this, "I notice he goes for those tights, all right."

GLOVES UP

It was plain the way he said it that he means to try to keep Joe's gloves not only up at all times tonight, but extremely busy. There will be no rest for the older man except between rounds. As he goes out for each succeeding round, the chances are he will feel a little more tired of it all. Finally the time will come when the old champs' arms will drop to defend his tortured insides ,and . . .bang! It comes sometime to all of them.

Anyhow, that's the blueprint as we see it. If it should by any chance be proved wrong this time we'll simply haul it out again the next time they meet, for Marciano is destined to be heavyweigh champion.

Joe Walcott

Rocky Marciano

Bevos Release Mike McCormick

PORTLAND (AP) — The Portland Beavers reported Monday that according to the terms of a contract, they were releasing Outfielder Mike McCormick at the end of this year's Pacific Coast League season.

McCormick, a veteran major leaguer, will become a free agent. He joined the Portland team in July.

SPORTS in BRIEF

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

Cleveland — Cleveland Indians defeated Detroit Tigers, 6-3, and moved to within one game of New York Yankees, leaders in American League, who were idle.

TENNIS

Berkeley, Calif. — Vic Seixas of Philadelphia defeated Larry Axtell of San Francisco, 7-5, 6-2, in a second-round match in the Pacific Coast championships.

RACING

New York — Alfred Vanderbilt's Native Dancer ($2.80) won the Anticipation Purse, preview of Saturday's $100,000 futurity, and Joe Brown's Parading Lady ($90.20) won the $23,400 Vosburgh Handicap at Belmont Park.

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NY Sells Series Tickets

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees, leading the Cleveland Indians in the American League pennant race by one game, began accepting mail orders for World Series tickets Tuesday.

Fans desiring box and reserved seat tickets must purchase tickets for all three games scheduled to be played at the Yankee Stadium. The games will be the third, fourth and fifth. Of course, if the series is over in four games, refunds will be made for the fifth.

The customer is limited to two sets of three tickets. Prices are $24 for box seats and $18 for reserve seats.

Cleveland and the Brooklyn Dodgers, who are on the verge of clinching the National League pennant, will begin selling World series tickets Wednesday.

Bariteau Halfway Leader

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Five Pacific Northwest Golfers led by Al Mengert of Spokane were still in the running Tuesday as a field of more than 400 teed off in the final 18-hole qualifying round for the California amateur championship.

Jack Bariteau, San Jose laundry owner, paced the field at the halfway point with a four-under-par 66.

Mengert, runnerup to Jack Westland in the National Amateur at Seattle last month, fired a 71 in Monday's round to lead Northwest entries.

Bill Mawhinney, Vancouver, B. C., had a 73; Eddie Draper, Seattle, 79; Bucky Levin, Bremerton, 80; and Bruce Cudd, Portland, 84. Dick Yost of Portland and Walt McElroy of Vancouver, B. C., withdrew.

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Cheerful Chuck Taylor Worried About Cougars

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Chuck Taylor, Stanford's optimistic football coach who habitually tabs his Indians as the winner in pre-game forecasts, is playing it cautious for the Washington State game Saturday at Pullman.

"We'll be fortunate to win," Taylor told the Northern California Football Writers Monday.

Speaking of WSC's 35-7 loss Friday night to USC, Taylor said "Don't led that score fool you. Washington State is a tough team and the fact they had the ball 82 times against USC's 52 proves it."

Taylor said his Indians, who thumped Santa Clara 28-13, were more nervous at the opening kickoff than any Stanford team he's seen in years.

Lynn Waldorf, coach of California's powerful Bears, said he's frankly worried about Saturday's affair at Berkeley against Missouri.

Coach Red Sanders whose UCLA Bruins downed Oregon 13-6 praised Coach Len Casnova and the Oregon defense.

"In Emery Barnes, they showed me the best defensive end I've seen in a long, long time," Sanders said. "They said he was six-feet-six. He looked six-feet-eight or nine to me."

OF DUCKS AND GEESE

NEW YORK (AP)—"Know your Ducks and Geese," a 50-cent booklet (Sports Afield Publishing Co.), includes 32 full color plates on America's ducks and geese.

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