



PARTNERS LAST WEEK in a tag team match, Kurt Von Poppenheim (left) and Jack Rush settle a beef that started in their loss to Georges Dusette and John Paul Henning in tomorrow night's wrestling main event at the Army.

Sox Stock Drops With Williams Out

By BEN OLAN
Associated Press Sports Writer
The opening of the 1954 American League season is still six weeks away but the pennant stock of the Boston Red Sox, faced with the loss of Ted Williams, has already slumped to almost microscopic proportions.

The 35-year-old outfielder suffered a fractured left spring in the first 10 minutes of spring training yesterday when he stumbled and fell while chasing a sinking liner off the bat of Hoot Evers.

There's no telling just how much of the upcoming campaign he'll miss, but examining physicians said, "He will not be able to lift his arm or swing a bat for six weeks."

Williams himself is more optimistic and predicts he will be in the opening day lineup against the Philadelphia Athletics April 13.

"I'm going to work that much harder to get in shape," he said. The entire upper portion of his body was placed in a cast, but Jack Fadden, the club's trainer, said that he "will be able to run as soon as the pain leaves his shoulder."

Some observers had been giving the Sox an outside chance of winning the American League pennant after they acquired outfielder Jackie Jensen and pitcher Leo Kluwe returned from the Army.

After Manager Lou Boudreau had accompanied Williams to the hospital, the Red Sox went through their opening drill under the direction of Coach Del Baker. Veteran third sacker George Kell and catcher Sammy White signed their contracts in time to take part in the practice.

At Lakeland, Fla., Manager Freddie Hutchinson of the Detroit Tigers indicated that shortstop Harvey Kuenn would be dropped at least to the No. 2 spot in the batting order. Kuenn cracked out 269 hits as a leadoff man in 1953 and Hutchinson figures "he should drive in more runs for a fellow with that many base hits."

'B' Pairings Announced

PORTLAND (AP) — Here are the pairings for the opening round of the state class B high school basketball tournament to be held March 11 to 13 at Salem.

7:30 p. m.—district 3, upper Willamette Valley, vs district 6, Central Oregon

8:45 p. m.—district 4, Northwest Oregon, vs district 1, Northwest Oregon

7:30 p. m.—district 8, Far Eastern Oregon, vs district 5, Southern Oregon

8:45 p. m.—district 2, lower Willamette Valley, vs district 7, Eastern Oregon

The pairings were announced Monday following a drawing at Oregon School Activities Assn. office here.

PCC Playoff Site Named

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The playoff series for the Pacific Coast conference basketball championship will be played in the Long Beach City College gymnasium Friday and Saturday nights and, if necessary, next Monday night.

Southern California's gymnasium seats only 500, whereas the Long Beach site will accommodate 3,500, and the Trojans are expected to draw a full house when they line up against the Oregon State Beavers, winners of the Northern Division title.

SC won the Southern Division title by humiliating UCLA twice last week at UCLA's bandbox gymnasium. It was the second time since Johnny Wooden became basketball coach at UCLA that the Bruins had been pasted twice in as many nights on their own floor.

KO Seen In Heavy Tiff Here

Jimmy Byrne, a swarming, roughhouse heavyweight from Portland, will try to add to his fistic prestige Saturday night at the Army against Al Winn, Vallejo, Calif. Negro when boxing returns to Klamath Falls after a long holiday.

Both are punchers although Byrne will carry more weight behind his wallop.

Byrne weighed 216 when he stopped Big Bill Mathis of Eureka, Calif., last week in Portland in three rounds. Winn, at 190, is a combination boxer-puncher, a 21-year-old comer in the opinion of California ring writers.

BAD LUCK
He has had 12 pro fights after some 40 nights in the amateur ranks. He lost two of his pro outings, but his manager, Guido Giommetti, says both were more because of bad luck, a broken thumb and cut eye.

He holds a draw with Mathis after coming off the floor five times against the 250-pound Eureka pugilist who cut him on his feet at the end of eight beats.

Odds are better than even the heavyweight brawl Saturday night will end short of the scheduled 10 rounds.

Winn's stablemate, Kenny Williams, is a promising 20-year-old Negro with four knockout wins in five fights and high on the fancy-horse list so if they both get their lumps—and they probably will—it will suit the customers to a half-nelson.

The nefarious pair are Kurt Von Poppenheim, the Swastika Swatter, and Jack Rush, the Oklahoma Ogre.

Last week Von Poppenheim and Rush were buddy-buddy, partners in a tag team match.

But a misdirected Rush right hand that landed on Von Pop's goatee led to a loss to Georges Dusette and John Paul Henning and ruined a beautiful friendship as the Proud Prussian and the bald-headed ruffian traded swats in a wild ending to the tag team match.

CONTINUATION
They'll take up their swat-swapping Wednesday night in the top bout, down for one hour or the best two of three falls.

Dusette and Henning, high men on the popularity poll, are back in the two supporting bouts.

Dusette faces Bill Fletcher, an enthusiastic Boise battler, back after a long stay-away.

Henning tangles with Roy Wolf in a bout that could well steal the applause on the three-bout program.

GIMMICKS
Wolf is the Montreal Mauler who has little regard for the catch-as-catch-can book of hoyle. He used more than a few unorthodox gimmicks in subduing Bronco Lublich last week, but may find himself sprawled on the corner of Main and Spring if he gets "cute" with Henning, a big, powerful swiftness from Miami, Fla.

Reserved tickets are on sale at Castleberry Drugs, 530 Main.

Art Devlin's Ski Comeback In Spotlight

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. (AP) — Art Devlin, the "old" war horse of American ski jumping, is hot on the comeback trail after a seven-year bout with an injured knee.

At 21, the Lake Placid veteran is having one of his best years in a sport that is crisscrossed with competitors who weren't even born when Devlin won his first world championship — in 1931 at the age of 8.

This hardy pioneer has beaten North American champion Jon Blomquist five times this season and hopes to regain the crown from the young Norwegian at Portland, Ore., later this month.

FIFTH CROWN
Devlin won his fifth major crown of the season Sunday when he defeated a star-studded field in the Nansen Ski Club's international championship at Berlin, N.H.

And, with his knee as good as new for the first time since 1947, Art figures he has "six or eight" more years of competition in him before he nails his skis on the wall of his crowded trophy room.

Since he began jumping 27 years ago, at the age of 4, Devlin has collected almost every ski jumping title in the book short of a world or an Olympic championship.

CHAMPION
He is a four-time U.S. National champion — 1942, 1946, 1949 and 1950 — and scored a grand slam in 1949 and 1950 by adding the Canadian title, bad knee and all.

His tremendous 307-foot leap at Steamboat Springs, Colo., in 1950 still stands as the longest American jump. But his 416-foot leap at Oberstdorf, Germany, in 1953 was far short of the world record of 452 feet.

All told, he has made more than 400 competitive jumps.

Devlin attributes his current big year to the final healing of the knee he banged up in 1947 at Leavenworth, Wash. The hill had been prepared for a maximum leap of 250 feet. Art soared 288 feet and landed on bare ground, damaging knee tendons and a cartilage.

TIME OUT



"On the contrary, I enjoy playing golf in the fog — the kind of game I play, I don't want people to see it!"

CAGE SCORES

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Monday's Results
FAR WEST
Regis 75, Adams State 69
St. Mary's 82, College of the Pacific 75
San Francisco 70, San Jose State 57
Montana State 73, College of Idaho 65
Chico State 67, San Francisco State 60

EAST
Duquesne 67, St. Bonaventure 55
Cornell 73, Dartmouth 53
Missouri 82, Nebraska 67
Wisconsin 79, Michigan State 56
Oklahoma City 59, Houston 54
Wichita 79, Emporia State (Kan.) 57
Bowling Green 95, Western Kentucky 62

SOUTH
Kentucky 68, Alabama 43
Tulane 59, Mississippi State 53
Florida 77, Georgia Tech 59
Vanderbilt 83, Georgia 67
Tennessee 92, Auburn 89
LSU 76, Missouri 53

SOUTHWEST
Baylor 79, Texas A&M 65
Arizona 56, Texas Western 52

PRO BASKETBALL
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Monday's Results
Philadelphia 78, Milwaukee 73

HIGH SCHOOL
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
District 6 Tournament
Willamette (Eugene) 68, Creswell 54
Eugene 85, Oakridge 55
District 11 Tournament
Sacred Heart (Salem) 38, Cascade 36
North Marion 62, Woodburn 49
District 13 Tournament
Columbia Prep 65, Concordia 30,
Gresham 58, Estacada 40
Central Catholic (Portland) 56,
Sandy 48
Sub-district 7-B Playoff
Mt. Vernon 65, Prairie City 57

OREGON AAU
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Portland 75, Gandon 54
Eugene 84, Hermiston 41

Sports in Brief
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
BASEBALL
SARASOTA, Fla. — Ted Williams, Boston Red Sox star, fractured his left shoulder while chasing a fly ball in spring training.

TENNIS
MIAMI, Fla. — Defending champion Gardner Mulloy of Miami, Fla., defeated Art Larsen of San Leandro, Calif., 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 in the finale of the Miami Invitational Championships.

KINGSTON, Jamaica — Malcolm Fox, Baltimore veteran, upset Sweden's Sven Davidsson, United States indoor champion, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the second round of the St. Andrews Club Tournament.

RACING
MIAMI, Fla. — Galsboro Girl (\$98.90) won the \$32,900 Black Heifer Handicap at Hialeah Park.

When Doug Bentley joined his brother Max on the New York Rangers against Boston on Jan. 20, it marked the first time they had played on the same National Hockey League team since Nov. 20, 1947.

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Hendershott Resigns Kentucky Back on Top

Search On For Pel Coach

Bob Hendershott resigned last night as head football coach at Klamath Union High School, opening a search for a successor.

His resignation was accepted by members of the Board of Education of KUHS, Dist. 2.

Hendershott, upon submitting his resignation, expressed the desire to "pursue work and studies leading to an administrative or counseling assignment."

He will carry a part-time teaching load and serve part-time in the counseling field.

Hendershott's resignation leaves the field wide open for candidates and it wasn't indicated today



BOB HENDERSHOTT ... quits

whether the school board would find a successor within the coaching ranks at KUHS or "go outside."

If it goes outside, it will take some time to name a coach to succeed Hendershott.

The board will name a committee composed of fathers of recent team members, fathers of boys who will be seniors next year and others who have demonstrated a deep interest in football during the past years.

This board will serve in an advisory capacity in screening candidates. Final selection will be made by the Board of Education.

The Board, in accepting Hendershott's resignation, expressed "appreciation for the fine leadership and character building that you have exemplified."

Hendershott has served six years as head coach, once taking the Pelicans to the quarterfinals of the state playoffs where they lost to La Grande.

Last year the Pelicans posted a 7-2 season record but lost the district title and a chance for the state playoffs to Grants Pass by a 20-0 score.

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SPORTS

Kansas Rips Colorado In Big 7 Clutch Tilt

By RIP WATSON
NEW YORK (AP)—March doesn't always come in like a lion, but the Kansas basketball team seems to.

National Collegiate basketball champions in March 1952 and finalists for the same title last year, Kansas opened its March drive last night by trouncing Colorado 83-62 in the Big Seven Conference's clutch game of the year.

All Phog Allen's boys need now is a victory over Missouri Saturday to clinch their third successive conference crown—and another trip to the NCAA Championships.

Allen Kelly, 6-9 B. H. Born and Harold Patterson, all veterans of last year's scrappy finalists, starred as Kansas jumped off to a 20-10 first quarter lead over Colorado's sophomore-weighted team.

Born successor to Clyde Lovellette, the 1952 hero, led all the scorers with 23 points while restricting Colorado star Burdette Halderson to 5. Kelley chipped in

20 and Patterson 13. Kansas now has a 10-1 conference record and Colorado 9-2 with one to play.

FIRST IN POLL
Kentucky, which regained first place in the Associated Press poll today, shared the spotlight with Kansas by wallowing Alabama 68-43 to complete its schedule with a 24-0 mark.

The Wildcats, only undefeated team in the country, still haven't assured themselves of the Southeastern Conference crown however.

They need more than a perfect record because Louisiana State also has a clean conference record after its 78-53 victory over Mississippi. The Bayou Tigers, who took over the No. 7 spot in the poll, still must beat Tulane March 6.

If they win that one, as expected, they'll meet Kentucky for the conference crown—and NCAA bid—at Nashville March 9.

DISASTROUS
Duquesne, which also boasted a clean slate until a disastrous week end, snuffed out of its slump by trouncing St. Bonaventure's 87-55. That boosted the fourth-rated Dukes' record to 23-2.

Indiana, which edged Kansas 69-68 in the NCAA finals a year, will have to beat Illinois' red-hot club Saturday if it hopes to qualify for a second straight title.

Indiana leads the Big Ten with an 11-2 record, but Illinois boosted its record to 10-3 by nipping Northwestern 84-82, its seventh straight conference win.

Iowa stayed in the race by wallowing Ohio State 84-71 as it closed its conference play with an 11-3 record. If Illinois should upset Indiana, a three-way tie would result, with only six days to resolve it before the conference champion's first NCAA date.

CONTRAST
By contrast, the Southwest Conference's problem is simple—they only have a two-way tie. The race ends tonight with Rice (6-3) meeting Southern Methodist (6-3) and Texas (8-3) taking on Texas Christian (5-6). A playoff is in prospect, however, for both Rice and Texas are strong favorites.

The Border Conference also should crown a champion tonight, with league-leading Texas Tech (10-1) playing host to West Texas State (9-2). Both the Southwest and Border champions qualify for the NCAA Tournament.

Another game with tournament bearing has sixth-ranked Oklahoma A&M playing host to Tulsa. The Aggies lead the Missouri Valley Conference with a 7-1 mark and must beat Tulsa tonight and St. Louis Saturday to better Wichita's 6-2 mark.

Cornell widened its lead in the Ivy League by beating Dartmouth 73-53. But the Big Red (10-2) must play its last two games away from home against challenging Princeton (9-3) and Pennsylvania (8-3).

Duquesne Tumbles To Fourth

NEW YORK (AP) — Kentucky's all-winning basketball team regained its favorite spot today when the nation's sports writers and sportscasters named the Wildcats No. 1 team in the country.

Crushed from the top spot for the past two weeks by Duquesne, Kentucky rolled back with first-place votes from 59 of the 120 experts who cast ballots. On the usual basis of 10 points for first, nine for second and so forth, Kentucky totaled 964 points.

Kentucky, which headed the poll from the third week of the season through the ninth, completed its regular season last night by defeating Alabama 68-43 for a 24-0 mark.

UPSET
Duquesne, upset by Cincinnati Friday and again by Dayton Saturday, tumbled all the way to fourth place.

Indiana's defending National Collegiate basketball champions took over the second spot with 722 points and Western Kentucky also moved ahead of Duquesne with 707. Both teams moved up one place in the rankings.

Duquesne, which received 924 points a week ago, fell to 570. The Dukes snapped out of their slump last night by thumping St. Bonaventure 87-55.

Oklahoma A&M also suffered from an upset—by Wichita. It fell one place to sixth while Notre Dame's Irish moved up one spot to take No. 5.

SHUFFLE
The bottom of the standings also were considerably shuffled as Holy Cross, No. 7 a week ago, fell to 13th after a loss to Connecticut, and Duke, No. 10 last time, dropped one place.

Louisiana State, a 76-53 victor over Mississippi last night, joined the top-10 in seventh place. La Salle was right behind in eighth. George Washington fell one notch to ninth and Seattle dropped one to 10th.

All the votes were counted before last night's games.

The leading teams (first-place votes in parentheses):

1. Kentucky (59).....964
2. Indiana (12).....723
3. Western Kentucky (8).....707
4. Duquesne (3).....570
5. Notre Dame (3).....433
6. Oklahoma A&M.....387
7. Louisiana State.....249
8. La Salle (5).....240
9. George Washington (9).....208
10. Seattle (6).....203
11. Duke (1).....196
12. Wichita.....188
13. Holy Cross (4).....177
14. Dayton (1).....174
15. Kansas (5).....146
16. Iowa (2).....133
17. Maryland (5).....133
18. North Carolina State.....99
19. Connecticut.....94
20. Louisville.....76

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Ezz Up, Pep Down In Rating

NEW YORK (AP) — Ezzard Charles has replaced Cuba's Nino Valdes as the No. 1 heavyweight contender, while Pep has dropped to the bottom of the featherweight rankings, and Eddie Chavez has taken over the No. 1 position among the lightweights.

These were among the major changes made in the March Ring Magazine ratings, released Tuesday by editor Nat Fleischer.

Valdes lost his top-ranking because of his very close decision over unranked Archie McBride in a Havana bout. The big Cuban dropped to second behind the former heavyweight champion who gets another crack at the heavyweight crown June 17 when he meets Rocky Marciano.

FALLS
Pep, twice-holder of the featherweight crown, fell all the way from the No. 1 ranking to tenth as a result of being stopped in two rounds by 20-year-old Luis Perez. The young Brooklyn boxer-puncher advanced from fifth to third among the 125-pounders.

Wallace (Bud) Smith, the Cincinnati clown who was the No. 1 lightweight challenger, fell to third following his knockout loss to welterweight Joe Miceli. Chavez, of San Jose, took over first and Cuba's Orlando Zulueta moved up from third to second.

Johnny Bratton also got the axe. The Chicago welterweight, drubbed by Johnny Saxton, plummeted from third to tenth among the 147-pounders.

Nate Brooks, the newly crowned North American bantamweight champion, vaulted into a No. 4 ranking as the result of his title victory over Billy Peacock.

Shuff Stuff

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