

Sunny Florida Turns Frigid, But Not the Hot Brooklyn

By BEN OLAN
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They're having a cold wave in normally sunny Florida these days, but that isn't preventing the slow-starting Brooklyn Dodgers from keeping their hot winning streak going.

The Dodgers now have won seven straight exhibition games after dropping their first three. Five of the victories have been against the American League clubs, and the Brooks, who are looking forward to another meeting with the New York Yankees next fall, are hoping this is an indication of things to come.

While members of the Chamber of Commerce went around smashing thermometers, Walter Alston's men edged the Washington Senators 3-2 yesterday before some 5,000 top-coated spectators. Brooklyn took a three-run lead in the third inning and that was enough to offset a two-run rally by the Nats in the seventh.

Still, the Dodgers players are having their troubles and they claim it's all because of the weather.

NOT HIMSELF
Outfielder Carl Furillo, the Na-

Gavilan 'Sorry' For Bobo

CHICAGO (AP) — You get the impression that Kid Gavilan, probably the best fighter in the world, found for pound, feels a little sorry for Bobo Olson, because Bobo has to fight him.

"He's a nice fellow," said the Kid on arriving in Chicago Tuesday night for a two-day round of ceremonies. "I have no hard feelings for him."

"I'm gonna lick him, though. I'm a real fighter, you know, Bobo. I think he punches not very good."

The Cuban Kid, already welter-weight champion, goes after Olson's middleweight crown in a "Chicago Stadium" bout April 2.

EXPLANATION
Gavilan made a point of explaining to reporters why Olson has to take a licking.

"I can beat all those middleweights," he declared. "I already beat a lot of them. Sometimes I weigh 10 pounds lower, too. Now I weigh heavy—154. So much better."

"I'm underdog? Good. Second time we fight, I be topdog. How I fight him. Don't know. I know the first round. After that, easy."

"I've seen him fight and he comes in all the time. So much better. I look good. I hit him six, seven times every time he comes near. Saves me trouble going to him."

NOT STRONG
"He won't hurt me. He's not a strong boy."

Having explained all this, Gavilan hastened to tell his listeners that there was nothing personal in it.

"It's like this," he said. "In a sport you have no bad feeling. Two men want to fight each other, it's all right. I try hard. He try hard. No reason for hard feeling."

The Kid made the trip from his Chatham, N.J., training camp to (A) receive an award at the University of Notre Dame as "The man who has done the most for boxing in the past year," and (B) appear with Olson at a formal contract-signing luncheon Thursday.

PACKING IT IN—Billy Martin—Private Billy Martin now packs his sport jacket away for the duration of his Army career. The Yankees' former second base hero now is stationed at Fort Ord, Calif. (NEA)

OLD AND NEW—The No. 7 uniform of the Brooklyn Dodgers, formerly sported by Charley Dressen, is worn by rookie Vic Marazao before the discerning eye of new skipper Walter Alston. (NEA)

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Williams, Not Mays, Carries Giants' Hopes

By HARRY GRAYSON
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