

Olson's 'Overtime' Style Makes Him Tough for Kid



IN TRAINING ONLY — Carl (Bobo) Olson is flat on his back in a Chicago gymnasium ring—but it's only for conditioning to make sure he won't wind up that way against Kid Gavilan. They fight for Bobo's 160-pound title April 2.

Manager Headaches Stem From 'B' Games

By GAYLE TALBOT

TAMPA (AP)—There has been a development in spring training in the past few weeks which promises to revolutionize the entire concept of the annual southern trip within another year or two. The "B" game, of which you might not even have heard, is going to make a lot of managers wish they had taken up another trade.

Three clubs, all especially hungry for fresh, young talent, got together this spring to bring the scheme to full flower, and the others are bound to follow suit in a hurry. The pioneers of the full "B" team schedule are the Chicago White Sox, the Philadelphia Phillies and the Cincinnati Redlegs. Their respective pilots already look tired and worn.

CHANCE What it amounts to is that each of the three clubs plays a full nine-inning game every morning, either against one another or against a top minor league team. This is entirely aside from their regularly scheduled exhibition games in the afternoon.

Skiers On Hand For Jumps

MT. HOOD, Ore. (AP)—Some 50 of the nation's best ski jumpers took final practice leaps here Saturday in preparation for the North American ski jumping championships Sunday.

A strong contingent of exchange students from Scandinavia is expected to dominate the event.

Prominently mentioned is Reidar Ullevaalseter, who won Norway's junior jumping crown four years in succession before coming to this country as a student at the University of Idaho. He recently won the Pacific Northwest Ski Assn. jumping title.

Wilbert Rasmussen, 23, national ski jump champion from Ishpeming, Mich., is the principal native hope. A member of the U. S. 1952 Olympic squad, Rasmussen won the national title at Iron Mountain, Mich., last month.

Several of the top U.S. skiers will be missing, among them Keith Wegeman, who was this country's No. 1 man in the recent championships in Scandinavia. Just returned from that meet, Wegeman was unable to get Army leave. He is stationed with the Army's cold-weather troops in Colorado.

The meet is divided into two sections, those 21 and older competing for the senior title, and those 16 to 20 competing for the junior crown.

The meet is held on the shoulders of 11,245-foot Mt. Hood, 60 miles east of Portland. Seniors will compete on an 80-meter hill, juniors on a 60-meter hill.

Warberg Named To Coaching Spot

JOHN DAVIS (AP)—Dale Warberg, who played last season for the state AAU champion Everybody's Drug basketball team, is the new basketball and track coach at Grant Union High School here.

He will be assisted in these sports by athletic director and football and baseball coach, Warberg, a former University of Oregon athlete, is a graduate of Eugene High School.

HOCKEY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
WESTERN LEAGUE
Friday's Results
New Westminster 6, Vancouver 3
(Best-of-9 series tied 1-1)

The eleven members of the Western States Fish and Game Commissioners association will meet to discuss mutual problems May 3-5 at Las Vegas, Nev.

By JIMMY BRESLIN
NEA Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK (NEA)—A couple of guys who learned to use their fists in places thousands of miles apart—Kid Gavilan of Camaguey, Cuba, and Carl Olson of Honolulu, Hawaii—will find themselves in uncomfortably close quarters on April 2nd.

That would be when Gavilan, the welterweight champion of the world, steps into the Chicago Stadium ring—and the bright face on your living room wall—in a try to lift the midweight title from Olson in what appears to be one of the biggest indoor fights of the past few years.

This will be Olson's first defense of the 160-pound crown he won by beating Paddy Young of New York and Randy Turpin of England in an elimination set-up started when Ray Robinson retired. It will be Gavilan's first try for the same title, although the Kid has had more than a few jousts with top middleweights during his career.

HOPEFUL Promoting international boxing club officials hopefully say the match should rival the largest indoor gate in history—the \$422,918 which Tony Zale and Rocky Graziano drew at the same arena in 1947.

A neutral box office guess would place the figure somewhere near

\$250,000—but the amount of people expected to see the match will be staggering, thanks to television. The bout is on the regular Friday night TV hookup, with only the Chicago area blacked out.

Whether you're among the 18,000 plus at Chicago Stadium or one of the millions who will see it from TV-side, it will be worth seeing.

FURY In Gavilan, you have the flash and class of a remarkable fighter. The normally placid and fun-loving Cuban fights with reckoned fury. In his last two big ones at Chicago he ruined Chuck Davey and Johnny Bratton.

Against the hard-bitten Olson, you can expect to see Gavilan at his determined best. He'll move, jabbing with his left and then hooking the same hand. The Kid does not figure to try and slug it out with Olson on the inside—where Bobo is at his best—but, rather, will stay on the outside, using the ring, and catching his man coming to him.

SMART "I fight him with thee, too," Kid says with one finger on his temple. Gavilan makes no secret that he feels he can out-think the Hawaiian once the bell rings.

Olson, however, is not in the four-round class. He feints with his head and shoulders and bores

in continually—throwing a three-minute - a - round combination of punches.

Olson is deceiving. He doesn't give any impression of greatness. But he is strictly business in a ring and works overtime. Rather than clinch, he'll fire away with both hands inside. He's been scored as a weak hitter, yet had Turpin on the floor twice and knocked out Joe Rindone in his last two fights. His right hand to the liver is a proven strength-sapping blow.

Olson's liking for plenty of action was a big reason why he was rated a 2-1 favorite in early betting. Gavilan always has made his own type of fight. It usually consists of rapid, eye-catching flurries of 30 seconds or so, spaced with nearly a minute of easy cake-walking to catch his breath.

He is almost certain to find Olson completely agreeable to the flurries—but a very reluctant person when it's time for those "breathing periods." Olson probably will do his best to keep the pace going for the full round in his plugging style.

If Gavilan can keep Olson from turning the thing into a punching marathon, he'll have everything going for him. But if he can't contain the busy Hawaiian, it does not figure to be one of his most pleasant nights in a ring.

Giants Hope '53 Was a Mirage

By HARRY GRAYSON

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (EA)—Rival managers and scouts agree that the Giants' finish last season was so bad it doesn't have to be believed. Next to the return of Willie Mays, that's the Polo Grounds' biggest hope.

The acquisition of the left-hand pitcher, Johnny Antonelli and Don Liddle, gives the New York Nationals a boost, of course, but does not transcend the fact that the players themselves know there are too many good ones among them to have won only 22 of the last 60. The Pirates did that well.

Behind the pitching, the Giants are plenty capable enough, particularly with young Mays back. Whitey Lockman, Davey Williams, Alvin Dark and Henry Thompson compose a first class infield.

The ebullient and wide-ranging Mays is flanked by Monte Irvin and Don Mueller. Now sound of limb, Irvin is a remarkable hitter, who moves up with men on base. The unobtrusive Mueller batted .333 last year.

BIG GUY Bill Taylor, a tremendously big guy, led the Southern League in batting with .350 and during the winter whacked the ball all over Venezuela performing for Caracas. Taylor is not too accomplished in

the outfield up to now. However, he's only 23, with two years out for the Army and his power picks him out as a young 'n' with a chance to make it big. The Giants could use a roaring bat.

Behind the plate, the Giants figure to obtain assistance from Ray Kat, a Triple A standout the past two campaigns with Minneapolis, where he batted .328 and smacked 28 home runs last trip.

The reserve list is stronger. Billy Klaus, from Milwaukee should slick around and a kid from Nashville, Billy Gardner, takes Bill Rigney's place. Always a brilliant glove man, Gardner didn't hit until last season, when he batted .308 for Nashville. He is insurance at shortstop, where neither Klaus nor Bobby Hofman can play.

BRIGHT Fox foragers coming off the Arizona desert tell you that the brightest prospect in the Phoenix camp is a 22-year-old shortstop named Foster Castelman, but because of two years in the armed forces and a knee operation, this Jacksonville, Fla., lad has had only two seasons in the minors.

The knee healed in time for him to get in 20 games with Minneapolis last fall, and he batted .368. The Giants have pitching quantity for sure, and Johnny Antonelli

should get a lift from competition.

Another cheering note is that George Spencer seems to have staged a comeback. Spencer was the club's relief ace in pennant-winning 1951, when he won 10 and lost 3 and saved 10 others. Spencer has his sinker back and fellows like Rosy Ryan, the old right-hander, tell you that he is again a big league pitcher. The Giants shipped Spencer to Minneapolis last year, and the experience seems to have persuaded him to take a grip on himself.

There are six tough clubs in the National League this season and the other two are improved. But the Giants themselves feel that if the pitching measures up, they're not out of it by any means.

They can't be as inept as they were in playing out the string last year, and Amazin' Willie Mays is there to give them a shove.



OLD AND NEW — Red Faber (left), 65, and Joe Benz (center), 68, shows Jim Hughes how they threw curves for the White Sox. Hughes is the Dodger's relief pitcher. Faber won three games from the Giants in the 1917 World Series.

Lincoln Wins AAU Crown

MEDFORD (AP)—Amos Lincoln, Portland, stopped Les Lindsley, Coos Bay, in the second round to win the 178-pound title in the annual Oregon AAU boxing tournament, which opened here Friday night.

Other championships will be decided Saturday night. In the feature match Jack Pucias, Eugene, will meet Hugh Minsker, Portland, for the 132-pound title.

Lee Sagaser, Eugene, will clash with Jim Quick, Portland, in another feature.

Some 40 amateurs entered the tournament.

HITS HIGH

CHICAGO (AP)—Dolly Becker's 723 was the highest league series ever bowled by a woman in this city. It was the first "over 700 series" in two years. Dolly's high was rolled in the Ladies Classic held here in February.

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Junior Legion Playoffs Scheduled

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP)—The 1954 Region 11 tourney for state American Legion junior baseball champions from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana will be held here Aug. 16-19.

The dates were announced last night by Legion officials. The winner will advance to the national finals scheduled for Yakima, Wash., the following month.

SWITCH AND SWIM

BRUSSELS (AP)—A four styles team relay event was the main feature of the opening of a new Brussels swimming pool. This was a relay race by teams of four swimmers. Each team member swam 100 meters in a different style—crawl, butterfly, breaststroke and backstroke.

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in BRIEF

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BASKETBALL
ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — Wayland College of Plainview, Tex., defeated the Kansas City Dons, 28-26, to win the Women's National AAU championship.

TENNIS
MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Art Larsen, San Leandro, Calif., defeated Hal Burrows, Charlottesville, Va., to gain final of Good Neighbor tourney.

GOLF
WILMINGTON, N.C. — Arnold Palmer of Latrobe, Pa., shot a 1-under-par 65 to take a one stroke lead in the \$10,000 Azalea open.

RACING
MIAMI, Fla. — Real Brother (\$3.90) won Shaw purse at Ocala-stream by a nose.
SAN MATEO, Calif. — Lap Full (\$2.80) won feature at Bay Meadows.



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NO JOKE — Wilbur McClure falls like a tree after Henry White slams him with a right cross during a Chicago amateur bout. McClure came off the floor from this, but the referee stopped it midway through the second round.

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The largest opening day crowd in American League history was the 73,163 who saw the Browns play the Indians at Cleveland Stadium April 20, 1948.

The cost of maintaining a race horse is from \$1 to \$12 a day. For this sum the trainer feeds the horse and arranges for his handling and conditioning.

Gene Hutton, infielder getting a spring trial with the Cincinnati

Redlegs, is a cousin to Grady Hatton, regular infielder with the same team.

Shortstop Johnny Logan of the Milwaukee Braves is nicknamed "Yatcha."

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