



JIMMY BYRNE has been working out at the Klamath Falls YMCA in preparation for his Saturday night fight against Roger Smith, of San Francisco. Byrne, a heavyweight from Portland, is shown here wrapping his hands before one of his workouts.

Topping Blasts New York Yankees

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Co-owner Dan Topping let loose an angry blast yesterday at the New York Yankees, who won only eight victories in 24 games during spring training.

As the team prepared to head North from Florida, Topping charged his veteran players with overconfidence. He said:

"They think nobody can beat them. The five straight pennants have got them to thinking that way. Well, they'll have to get that idea out of the back of their heads."

Sports in Brief

HOCKEY
DETROIT — Detroit defeated Toronto 4-3 in the second sudden death overtime period to move the Red Wings into the finals of the Stanley Cup playoffs.

FOOTBALL
NEW ORLEANS — Raymond (Bear) Wolf resigned as Tulane football coach and backfield coach Andy Pilney was named to succeed him.

SWIMMING
NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Ford Komro of Ohio State won the National AAU indoor men's 1500-meter freestyle race.

RACING
SAN MATEO, Calif. — My Uchirin (\$10.60) captured feature at Bay Meadows.

The Yanks should arrive home with a better record than 8-16 because starting tomorrow in Jacksonville, they meet only minor league competition until April 9. Then they open a three-game series at Ebbets Field against their World Series cousins—the Brooklyn Dodgers.

But regardless of their performance on the homeward trek, they can't escape the fact they have been a bitter disappointment. Some of the experts say they need a take-charge guy like Joe DiMaggio. Mickey Mantle figured to be the man but so far he hasn't been able to play regularly enough.

And the showing of Whitey Ford, who won 18 games last season and figured to be the ace of the mound staff this season, has been another big disappointment. He has shown little to indicate that he'll be able to take up part of the slack caused by the sale of Vic Raschi to the St. Louis Cardinals.

While blasting his veterans on one hand, Topping said he wasn't disturbed too much over the Yankees' poor spring record.

PREFERRED
"Stengel (Manager Casey Stengel) isn't disturbed so why should I be," he said. "There are reasons why some games were lost. Casey preferred to look at young players and see what he had for the future."

Stengel got rid of eight of his youngsters yesterday, including Elston Howard, first Negro ever to don a Yankee uniform. They were sent to the minors, leaving the club with 31 players on the roster.

While the Yankees were preparing to depart from St. Petersburg, Fla., the Dodgers yesterday got another top-flight pitching job from big Don Newcombe—the man they figure will go a long way toward winning the National League pennant and World Series.

OVERFLOW
He allowed only six hits in seven innings as the National League champions defeated the Milwaukee Braves 8-7 before an overflow crowd of 9,287 at Mobile. He gave up two runs, on a homer by Bill Bruton.

The Cincinnati Redlegs, Philadelphia Athletics and the Cleveland Indians also received good pitching, the Redlegs from an unexpected source. Corky Valentine, 24-year-old right-hander, went the route with four-hit ball as the Redlegs snapped Washington's three-

game winning streak 4-3. Valentine also drove in a run with a double.

Little Bobby Shantz looked more like the Shantz of 1952 as he pitched seven scoreless innings and fanned six in the Philadelphia Athletics' 5-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

SHUTOUT
The Indians received shutout pitching from Early Wynn and Bob Chakales in whipping the New York Giants 3-0. Wynn went the first seven innings, allowing four hits. Chakales finished up without permitting a hit.

Stan Hack's debut as manager of the Chicago Cubs was spoiled by the Baltimore Orioles 6-1. Clyde McCullough's homer was the only Cub tally off Duane Pillette and Don Larsen.

Two home runs by rookie Joe Frazier and one each by Stan Musial and Red Schoendienst helped the St. Louis Cardinals down the Chicago White Sox 7-4.

Seven runs in the last two innings brought the Detroit Tigers from behind for a 12-1 triumph over the Philadelphia Phillies.

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Smith, Byrne In Outstanding Card

Tomorrow night's boxing card should fill the bill for local ring fans with Roger Smith, a tough San Francisco Negro, facing Jimmy Byrne of Portland.

Byrne will have about a ten pound weight advantage over the Californian when the two answer the first bell, even though Smith tops the scales at 205.

Smith is noted to be a rough, tough boxer who comes in swinging. He carries his weight over a frame that stands about 6-2. Byrne is about the same height.

Jack Mendonca, who is Smith's manager, is expected to have his man in top condition for the big battle.

HARD HITTING
The hardhitting colored fighter has had 24 pro fights and has picked up quite a bit of experience from these bouts and will carry it with him against the Portland big boy.

Byrne also has had 24 fights, winning 19 of them. Thirteen of the nineteen have been credited by the knockout route, and this weekend's bout could prove to go the same way, either for Byrne or Smith.

Byrne has never been knocked down and only two of his losses have been by the TKO regulations. Both times that Jarrin Jim was stopped was because of cut eyes.

Another bout that could very well steal the show is the semi-windup event that pits Ralph Welsler against Smith's stable mate Al Moore, also of San Francisco.

CONSIDERED
Both fighters weigh about 140 pounds and both are considered to be top boxers. The Beatty Bomber has shown to local fans just what he can do in the ring and has become a great favorite.

In another six rounder George Bray will fight it out with Vince Tero, a Mexican lightweight.

Bob Barney will meet Dick Henry in a four rounder that will set the program for the bigger bouts. Barney hails from Sprague River and Henry from Beatty.

Matchmaker Mack Lillard is trying to find someone who will meet Duane McDaniel in another four rounder to give the boxing patrons more action.

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Johnny and Ed, the twin O'Briens, played their college basketball up the road a ways in Seattle and the little guys are living legends to the Pacific Northwest.

Johnny cornered almost all the collegiate scoring records during his four years at Seattle University and was named to the All-America team in 1953. Eddie, the team playmaker, was only a shade less fabulous in these parts.

Starting Monday, the five-day tourney will be a double elimination affair with Fort Lewis as the host and entries coming from as far off as Europe and Hawaii.

First team to arrive for pre-tourney workouts was the Western Area Command Rhinos, champions of the U.S. Army, Europe. The Hawaiian Musketeers will represent the U.S. Army, Pacific.

Led by Dick Groat, former Duke star, Fort Belvoir ran up a 38-8 record this season and will represent the Washington (D.C.) Military District. Groat scored 117 points in 51 games this season.

Rated as the best bet to give Fort Belvoir an argument for the title are the Sixth Army representatives from Fort Ord, Calif., and Fort Leonard Wood of St. Louis, Fifth Army titlists.

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