

RING RACE



Olson Solid Favorite To Hold Middleweight Crown

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (AP) — Middleweight king Carl (Bobo) Olson of San Francisco lays his world championship on the line tonight and is a solid favorite to retain it in a 15-round match with the nation's leading challenger, Rocky Castellani of Cleveland.

The bout will be nationally televised and broadcast by NBC, with the San Francisco area blacked out of the TV picture.

The show goes on at 9 p.m. EST, at the Cow Palace.

The balding, 29-year-old Olson captured the middleweight crown from Randy Turpin of England in 1953, turned back the threat of Kid Gavilan in Chicago last April in one of his greatest fights, and he hasn't been beaten in his last 15 bouts.

The last time he was beaten, in fact, was in a bid for the title against Sugar Ray Robinson here in his adopted home in 1952.

Castellani, at 28 a seasoned ringman without much of a punch—less, in fact, than the champion, who is not famous for chilling his foes—has not been whipped in 10 straight matches. He was last defeated in 1953 by Pierre Langlois.

Olson and Rocky have had 62 professional fights apiece, each has lost five, and both turned up for this title struggle by belaboring a young man named Pedro Gonzales. Rocky won a decision. Bobo ended the matter in four rounds.

Olson has been guaranteed \$120,000 by Rocky's manager, wealthy Al Naiman of Cleveland. Rocky will get 60 per cent of anything over the net above that sum.

The match will be scored under California's system of 11 points per round. An even round is scored 54-54. A good margin might be scored 7-4, and a genuine knock-out 8-2.

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Burke Leads Fort Wayne Golf Tourney

PORT WAYNE, Ind. (AP) — Jack Burke Jr. of Klamath Lake, N. Y., led a closely packed field of money players in the second round of the \$15,000 Fort Wayne Open Golf Tournament today.

Burke, who is second in total winnings on the pro circuit this year, yesterday shot 34-32—66, six strokes under par, but 26 other pros and two amateurs were bunched within four strokes of him.

At 67 were Glenn Teal of Jacksonville, Fla., and Jerry Keveling of Kitchener, Ont., two players far down the list of money winners. There were six at 68, seven at 69 and 13 at 70.

The 68 group included Pete Cooper of Jacksonville and Rudy Horvath of Windsor, Ont.

The 69 bracket included Jimmy Clark of Huntington Beach, Calif., the 1952 Fort Wayne winner, Ari Wall Jr. of Pocono Manor, Pa., the defending champion, had 70.

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Cardinals Halt Braves' Threats

By BEN PHILGAR
AP Sports Writer

The "History of the 1951 Pennant Race" became required reading for the Milwaukee Braves today.

Written into the annals of the National League by the New York Giants, this remarkable record provides convincing and recent proof that baseball miracles are possible.

Although firmly believing they are the new team of destiny, the Braves could use a little solid encouragement. They lost two out of three games to St. Louis, including a 2-1 10-inning thriller yesterday, and now trail New York by 5½ lengths.

Even now, however, they are much better off than the Giants

were at this stage three seasons ago. Milwaukee still could do it all alone, without depending on a collapse by either the Giants or Brooklyn.

It could work this way. The Braves have five games left with the Giants. They've lost five more than the Giants. A sweep of the five would cancel out the New York lead. The Braves and Brooklyn play six more times and the Braves have lost only two more than the Dodgers.

In 1951 the Giants trailed Brooklyn by seven games as late as Sept. 1. They were still six games behind in the losing column on Sept. 20. Only a complete Dodger collapse in the final week paved the way to the playoff.

The Giants, apparently back in good health after a critical slump, won their third in a row, 5-0 over Philadelphia. Brooklyn again had to hustle for a 7-5 verdict over the hustling Pittsburgh Pirates. Cincinnati took two from Chicago, 7-0 and 6-3.

In the American League, Detroit and Cleveland split a twin bill. The Indians won the first game 4-3 but lost the nightcap 8-2, ending a nine-game winning streak. The Yankees whipped Philadelphia 8-3 for their 10th straight and Chicago edged Baltimore 4-3.

Cleveland now leads New York by 2½ and Chicago by 8½.

Boston jumped ahead of Washington in their private battle for fifth place with an 11-6 triumph. Ted Williams broke his string of 17 hitless times at bat with a single and a double. He also walked four times.

Ruben Gomez tamed the Phillies on seven hits and received home run support from Dave Williams, Ray Katt and Bobby Hofman.

The last-place Pirates refused to fold, even when Brooklyn ran up a 7-0 lead in the first three innings

on Gil Hodges' 32nd homer and a bases-loaded triple by Walt Morin. Jerry Lynch, Preston Ward and Frank Thomas homered for Pittsburgh.

The Braves drew 48,057 to an afternoon ladies' day contest with the Cardinals, the largest crowd ever squeezed into County Stadium. Milwaukee came from behind with two out in the ninth to tie the score at 1-1. But a triple by Wally Moon and a long fly by Solly Hemus brought victory to the Cardinals in the 10th.

Bobby Feller won the 260th game of his brilliant career in the opener against Detroit with home run support from Vic Wertz and Dave Pope. The Tigers fell upon three Indian hurriers for 14 hits in the second game, including a three-run homer by Bob Niemann.

Baltimore ended Jack Harshman's string of scoreless innings at 34 by scoring three runs in the

fifth but the White Sox held on for their one-run triumph, getting the winning tally in a two-run uprising in the eighth. Nellie Fox, who had a perfect day at bat with four hits, drove in the deciding run.

The Yankees got a late-inning scare from the usually docile Athletics, who knocked out Eddie Lopat with five straight hits in the eighth. But after scoring five runs the A's were checked by Johnny Sain. Philadelphia put two runs on in the ninth with two out before Sain finished off by getting Elmer Valo on an infield grounder.

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