

# Jack Kramer Tabbed Lucky As Court Tour Set To Open

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NEW YORK (UP)—The next best thing to being rich and handsome is to be lucky — and Jack Kramer qualifies on three counts. Kramer, in case it escapes you, is the retired world champion of tennis who now sits back and is content to count the house as a promoter. Just a few weeks back it looked as if he blew the deuce.

But once again, "Big Jake" has hit the jackpot. Starting Friday night at Madison Square Garden he will take his pro tennis troupe on a nationwide tour which, if all goes well, will have a two-year run. Not with the same cast, either. It's just one of the breaks of being lucky.

The ensemble this time includes Tony Trabert, the U.S. and Wimbledon champion, who turns play-for-pay against Pancho Gonzalez, the two-time pro king. Supporting artists are Pancho Segura, the two-handed Ecuadorian who is drooling for a shot at the "monsters" of the cast, and Aussie Rex Hartwig.

It could have been a lot different. HOAD AMATEUR Kramer's original thought was to line up both Trabert and Aussie Rex Hoad as the stars of his cast. Hoad was committed but the Australian "amateur" fathers outlawed Kramer to keep larrupping Lew Elgie for next year's amateur Davis Cup play.

With Trabert already signed, Kramer was in a dither. He made a special trip to Australia to try to influence Hoad. It was no dice. So he accepted Hartwig, but needed a co-star to play opposite Trabert.

Gonzales was the answer, even though he and Kramer had not been seeing eye to eye financially. "I was in the tour, then out of it and then, finally, my lawyer told me I was back in," Gonzales said with a facetiousness that had Kramer squirming in his chair. "If I win this tour from Trabert, I am guaranteed a minimum of

## Honus' Death Mourned By Diamond Fans

PITTSBURGH (UP)—Three generations of baseball fans today mourned the passing of John Peter Wagner, the greatest shortstop of all time. The 81-year-old "Flying Dutchman" of Pittsburgh Pirate fame died in his sleep Tuesday morning at his home in nearby Carnegie, Pa. Old Honus injured his hip in a fall last September and was bedridden the final days of his life.

Thousands of condolences, from the great of the business and professional world, the little fellows who sat in the bleachers to watch the great man play, and from others to whom he was one of baseball's legendary heroes, poured into the Wagner home.

Wagner's many home town friends, who would sit and talk baseball with him for hours, paid their respects personally to the bereaved family at Honus' modest home.

Wagner, the barrel-chested, bowlegged son of a German immigrant, will be buried Friday afternoon at Jefferson Memorial Park, only a few miles from Forbes Field where his tremendous baseball feats made many consider him the game's finest all-around player.

During his 21 years in the major leagues Honus compiled a lifetime batting average of .329 and hit above .300 for 17 consecutive seasons. He led the national league in batting eight times during the era of the "dead ball."

Wagner's marks stand as a living tribute to one of baseball's immortal heroes.

Bonanza Antlers Topple Wildcats Bonanza's Antlers took an early lead Tuesday evening on their home maples to turn back the Klamath Union High Wildcats 51-37 in a non-league basketball outing.

The Antlers held 15-6, 21-15 and 39-23 rest period margins as they handed the Cats a loss in their season's debut. Ron Roberts sank 19 points to lead the winners, while Steve Molatore topped the Wildcat efforts with seven.

In the preliminary game, the KHS freshmen toppled the Bonanza "B" cagers 39-27 to win first action of the year.

Shortscore:  
Pos. Bonanza 53  
F. Thomas 18  
C. Kennedy 10  
G. Burnett 14  
G. Roberts 13  
Subs for Bonanza: Toffel 2; Jansen 2; Lasker 2; Smith for Wildcat; Carlson 2; Sellers 10; George 11; Curry 14. Officials: Young, Harvey.

\$25,000 next year against a percentage. You can bet I won't give Trabert an inch."

Meanwhile, all the members of the cast seem to feel, outright or otherwise, that Hoad will capitalize to pro terms next year after finally proving himself.

"If Hoad consolidates his game and his thinking, he'll be the top amateur next year," Trabert asserted cautiously.

Hartwig in event more outspoken. He predicts a runaway to the Aussie Davis Cup forces while analyzing, also, that Hoad must get "up."

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## Hal Wood's Mid-Week Sport Shorts

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SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Short shorts:  
Owner Tony Morabito of the San Francisco Forty-Niners, who hired Red Strader as coach with a "win or else" edict, is non-committal about Strader's future after this dismal season.

Basketball coaches in the West are unanimous in lauding young Bruno Bon, 6 foot, 8 inch sophomore, as another Tony Lavelli of Yale or Bob Houbregs of Washington. He has one of the greatest hook shots ever put on display on a court.

The All-Pacific Coast Conference football team picked by conference coaches is exactly the same as the one picked by United Press except for one of the end positions, where E. P. went out of the conference to name A. D. Williams of College of Pacific to the post.

Mrs. John Payson Adams, the former Muriel Vandebilt, will move her breeding stock of nearly 50 acres and dams from her Edendale ranch near San Jose, to Portsmouth, R.I. She blames the huge industrial expansion in the San Jose area for the move.

Look for professional basketball to extend to the West Coast after Los Angeles completes its new cage pavilion next year. The place, being built by the Los Angeles Coliseum, will seat 18,000 fans. It is probable that the pros will then come to the City of Angels with one franchise and to the San Francisco Co Palace with another.

It is practically impossible for a college basketball team to go through a full season unbeaten, but opposing coaches are hinting that the University of San Francisco Dons will accomplish the feat this year. The reason: No one has come up with an answer on how to stop Bill Russell either in shooting or in taking rebounds. Russell, incidentally, possibly is the greatest rebound artist in the history of the game.

The teams that finished one-two in the Pacific Coast Conference football race, also lead the hoop in fines assessed for illegal re-creating activities: UCLA \$3200, Oregon State \$2600.

The best thing that can be said about the basketball ability of seven-foot Gary Nelson of University of Washington is that he is tall.

Witte OSC's Best  
CORVALLIS, Ore. (UP)—The Eugene State-Sisters, an alumni organization, Tuesday night presented trophies to outstanding players on Oregon State's 1955 football team. Award-winners were selected by head Coach Tommy Prothro and his staff.

Quarterback Ron Sierrist was named the most valuable player; John Witte, the outstanding lineman and Bob DeGrant, the best downfield blocker. Bob McKittrick was named winner of a new scholarship-attitude award.

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## Chicago, Brooklyn Make Deal

CHICAGO (UP)—The Chicago Cubs and Brooklyn Dodgers aren't through trading yet. The second half of the deal which sent third baseman Ransom Jackson to the world champion Dodgers was expected to be concluded within the next week.

The Cubs, who got outfielder Walt Moryn and third baseman Don Hoak for Jackson, hoped to come up with one of the Dodgers' front line pitchers in "chapter two" of their talks with Dodger Vice-President Buzby Bavasi.

Speculation centered a round righthander Russ Meyer, who makes a habit of beating the Cubs. For Meyer, the Cubs will have to give up one of their pitchers.

Player Personnel Director, Wid Matthews of the Cubs would not say who the Cubs will give up for Meyer, but reports centered about John Andre and lefthanders Paul Minner and Jim Davis.

Matthews said the only reason the other pair of deals could not be completed at the major leagues' meeting here was that "Bavasi could not get hold of his man."

Matthews did not elaborate any further but it appeared Bavasi wanted to consult with Manager Walter Alston, the new pride of Brooklyn, before making the deal official.

"You can be sure of one thing," Matthews said. "There will be a second deal. That's a promise."

The former champion kept his comeback hopes alive Tuesday night when he pounded out a unanimous 10-round decision over Toxic Hall of Chicago that avenged a loss to Rocky Marciano's stablemate last month.

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## Sports World Shorts

MIAMI, Fla. (UP)—Misty Morn, who finished out of the money on July seven times in 22 trips to the post this year, has been named the outstanding three-year-old filly of the year by the Thoroughbred Racing Assn. Misty Morn becomes the second horse trained by Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons to win a division title in the annual TRA poll.

Nashua earlier was named top three-year-old colt.

NEW ORLEANS (UP)—John Coles of Westminster has been named referee for the Jan. 2 Sugar Bowl game here between Georgia Tech and Pittsburgh. Other officials named are Worthington Surrick of Temple, head linesman; Bill Luttrell of Tennessee, umpire; Jack Griffith of Georgia, field judge; Fran Lowry of Howard, back judge; and Dick Mcabb of Mercer, clock operator.

MILAN, Italy (UP)—Dulio Loi of Italy, European lightweight champion who has been named the top lightweight contender by "Ring" magazine, says he expects to meet champion Wallace (Bud) Smith in a title bout next June.

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## PC Representatives To Ask For More TV

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Pacific Coast Conference representatives plan to allow television fans to see more football games involving Far West teams next fall.

The PCC will ask the National Collegiate Athletic Assn. next month for greater control of the regional football television.

"We still want controlled television," said Al Masters, chairman of the PCC Television Committee Wednesday. "But we feel that we should have the option of deciding on regional telecasts, not the NCAA."

This fall PCC teams appeared in five regional TV games and two national network games. The conference is asking for eight regional dates next season.

The PCC wants the schools involved and the local television sole authority on telecasts. The NCAA requires that they first negotiate with the advertisers who sponsor the national Game of the Week.

The conference will ask rescheduling of the NCAA rule that televising games be blacked out within a 90-mile area to protect other teams playing in the area.

"Naturally, we wouldn't televise a game if we thought it would hurt attendance at another stadium," Masters said.

If the NCAA grants local autonomy, independents such as San Jose State and College of the Pacific would be free to make regional telecasts, he added.

In other action Tuesday, the PCC faculty representatives and athletic directors:

Noted the 1956 PCC track and field championships for May 18-19 at Berkeley.

Okay'd unlimited basketball scouting between schools 50 miles or less apart but limited it to one series only between other schools.

Voted to ask the Big Ten to cancel the annual PCC-Big Ten track meet in 1956 because of Olympic Games tryouts.

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