

Versatility, Depth Key In New York Giants' Flag Bid

PHOENIX, Ariz. (UP)—Versatility and depth could be the key words to the fortunes of the New York Giants this season.

With a new manager, Bill (idea) A-Minute) Rigney, and with a club that seems to be fired with baseball spirit, the Giants are thinking in terms of another "miracle" or "destiny" team like those that stirred the pulses of fans in winning the 1951 and 1954 flags.

First, there is an infield where things have gone so smoothly in the training camp games that no one, save veteran shortstop Alvin Dark, is sure of a regular job. Whitey Lockman figures to be the regular first baseman. But Gail Harris, up briefly last season, and rookie Bill White are battling so hard to stay with the club that one may land the post and put Whitey into left field.

Boudreau, Bragan Do Not See Flag Chance

By OSCAR SPREY
United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK (UP)—The flowers which bloom in the spring have nothing on your major league

Tiger Jones Jumps To 5th In Ring Class

NEW YORK (UP)—Ralph (Tiger) Jones' narrow victory over France's Charley Humez has resulted in a shuffling of contenders' positions in the middleweight division.

Jones, the "spoiler" of the 160-pound class, was elevated from eighth to fifth place for snapping the European champion's unbeaten streak of 17, according to the copyrighted ratings released Wednesday by editor Nat Fleischer.

Humez was dropped from second to third, changing places with Milo Savage of Salt Lake City. Ex-champion Carl (Bobo) Olson remained as top contender, Argentina's Eduardo Lausse dropped from fifth to sixth to make way for the Tiger, 28-year old veteran from Yonkers, N.Y.

Welterweight Carmen Basilio, who lost his title to Johnny Saxton of New York, was made the No. 1 contender followed by Tony DeMarco, another former champion.

The featherweight division, Brooklyn's Carmelo Costa and Hogan (Kid) Bassey of Nigeria, reversed berths with Bassey going up to second and Costa dropping to third, while Pep, the former champion, retained the top ten elite for the first time in two years. He was listed tenth.

Raul (Raton) Macias, NBA-recognized bantamweight champion, was boosted from third to second in the 118-pound class behind Italy's Mario d'Agata. Another Mexican, flyweight Memo Diez, made the biggest leap of the month, he jumped from sixth to first on the strength of knockouts Billy Morris, Martin fell from over Young Martin, Spain, and first to fourth.

Monties Top Portland 5-3

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

With a victory over Portland under their belts, the Vancouver Mounties backed another northern neighbor Wednesday as spring training continued in the Pacific Coast Baseball League.

The Mounties were hosts to the Seattle Rainiers on the heels of Tuesday's 5-3 victory over the Rose City Beavers at Glendale, Calif.

Seattle outlived Hollywood 14-12 at Anaheim Tuesday but lost to the Stars, 8-7, Los Angeles beat UCLA 9-6, in another exhibition game.

Portland's Ed Mickelson went four-for-four, including two home runs, against the Mounties. His teammates, picked up five more hits off Vancouver's Ernie Funk and Bill Kulpac but couldn't convert them into runs. Funk got credit for the victory.

The lead see-sawed in the Seattle-Hollywood fracas and the Stars came out in the final inning. Seattle started with two runs in the first inning but Hollywood came back with five in the second. The Rainiers tied it with one run in the third and two in the fourth and the Stars went ahead with one in the fifth and Hollywood won the game with two in their half of the inning.

Defending Champ Out As Contender

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP)—A new singles champion will be crowned in the 33rd annual American Bowling Congress tournament.

Eddie Germaine of Milwaukee, Wis., who took the title in Fort Wayne last year with a 728, lost his chance to repeat Tuesday by shooting a low 589.

Tony Sparando of Rego Park, N.Y., still leads the division with 719.

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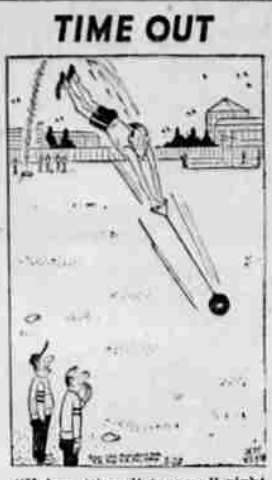
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He's getting distance all right now if he can just learn to let go!

Sullivan Hot As Hose Whip White Sox 7-2

By UNITED PRESS

Frank Sullivan's brilliant Grapefruit League record made him a cinch opening day pitcher today for the dark-horse Boston Red Sox.

Sullivan was nipped for only two runs in six innings Tuesday as he collaborated with Ivan Delock in cooling off even the red-hot Larry Doby and giving the Red Sox a 7-2 verdict over the Chicago White Sox. The performance was doubly satisfactory to Manager Mike Higgins because Sullivan is supposed to be the Red Sox "stopper" this year—and Tuesday's win "stopped" a four-game Boston losing streak.

The world champion Brooklyn Dodgers, St. Louis Cardinals and Kansas City Athletics also were encouraged by stellar mound performances.

The Dodgers got four-hit pitching from 20-game Don Newcombe and relief ace Clem Labine to beat the Philadelphia Phillies, 6-2. The loss was made especially bitter for the Phillies when third-baseman Willie Jones was "beamed" by a Newcombe pitch in the fifth inning and removed to Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater, Fla.

X-rays disclosed no fracture but Jones was retained in the hospital overnight and is feared lost to the Phillies until the April 17 opener.

Lou Kretlow yielded two hits in six innings and Art Dittmar locked it up with a hitless three-inning job to lead the Athletics to a 7-2 decision over the Detroit Tigers. The loss was the 13th in 17 games for the Tigers, who saw four pitchers combined for 15 hits.

Vinegar B. Mizell, Luis Arroyo and Ellis Kubic, three of Manager Fred Hutchinson's key pitchers, turned in a two-hitter as the Cardinals scored a 2-1 triumph over the Milwaukee Braves. The trio held the Braves hitless through the last seven innings after a single by Bill Bruton and Johnny Logan's double produced a run off Mizell in the second.

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McCoy Answers Charges

(Editor's note: Babe McCoy, veteran Los Angeles matchmaker for the Olympic Auditorium, has been the primary target during California's investigation of charges that he "fixed" fights. In the following exclusive statement, McCoy tells his side of the story.)

By BABE MCCOY
As Told To The United Press

LOS ANGELES (UP)—This hearing has failed to call witnesses pertinent to the accusations made against me regarding the allegedly fixed fights.

For instance, Tommy Campbell, the fighter who allegedly was instigated by me as well as Manager George Moore to lose to Art Aragon. They have not subpoenaed Mr. Moore to the stand. He is a licensed boxing manager in the state, lives in the city and is active in the business and available. Yet he has never been subpoenaed which is evidence that they do not intend to include testimony of a man whose character and reputation is beyond reproach.

None of the testimony thus far would have been allowed to have been written into evidence in any court of law.

My record at the Olympic over 14 years has brought to light only one allegedly shady fight. I refer to the Campbell-Aragon match—about which Campbell admitted lying under my cross-examination.

That he admitted perjury would have immediately impeached this witness in any true court.

SO-CALLED

Other so-called fixed fights related to the committee by Georgia Handford and Watson Jones (ex-fighters) were scattered around country—in Seattle, Portland, Tacoma, Topeka, Baltimore, Newark, Chicago, and Minneapolis.

One fight in particular that Handford brought up was the bout he had with Enrique Bolanos in San Antonio. Bolanos at that time was the leading contender for Ike Williams' title. Handford was washed up and trying for a comeback in order to make a little money. Bolanos' next fight following the Handford match was against the champion of the world in Los Angeles.

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Briefs From The PCL Camps

By UNITED PRESS

GLENDALE, Calif. (UP)—The Vancouver Mounties yesterday trimmed the Portland Beavers 5-3 at Cisek Stangle field.

Ed Mickelson scored two home runs and four hits in a vain effort to spark his losing teammates to victory but the Mounties were too much for the Beavers. Pitcher Ernie Funk hit two home runs for the Mounties to cinch the game for the Vancouverites.

Outfielder Prentice Browne got a two-run homer for the Los Angeles club but it was overshadowed by Kent Habley's grand slam homer for the Trojans.

ANAHEIM, Calif. (UP)—Carlos Bernier, fiery Hollywood outfielder had his best day of the spring training season yesterday as he led the Stars to an 8-7 win over Seattle.

After Seattle went into a one run lead in the top of the ninth on Joe Taylor's two-run homer, successive singles by Paul Pettit, Nick Koback and Bernier won the game. Bernier had three hits in four at bats, stole two bases and scored a run as well as driving one in. The Stars met San Diego at Palm Springs today with Roger Sawyer scheduled to start.

DE LAND, Fla. (UP)—Fireballer Jerry Casale, who led the American Association in strikeouts last season, makes his debut for the San Francisco Seals today against Minneapolis.

Casale fanned 186 batters last year with Louisville and has been touted as a day game winner in the Coast League.

The Seals got a day off yesterday after playing 15 straight exhibition contests but Manager Eddie Joost staged a workout for six Boston players who checked in on option. In addition to pitchers Roy Timney and Bob Smith, right handed hurler Al Schrolland, outfielders Bob Jenkins and Gordie Windhorn.

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Salted Eyes Talked In Commission Meet

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—While the rest of the world is worrying about the atom bomb and-or picking a \$2 winner at the horse races, Mr. Joe Phillips of the California Athletic Commission has a more serious problem.

Joe wants to know who threw salt in Leo Nomellini's eyes in a recent wrestling match—and why?

Mr. Phillips, a long-time member of the commission, posed the question at a recent meeting of the board there—at the same time that an attorney for the state was poking into the somewhat sordid state of affairs of the boxing world that is handled by the commission in Southern California.

It seems that the venerable commission member is very serious about seeing that the boys in the grunt-and-gran dodge get a square shake.

While many pass off wrestling as purely a theatrical business, Phillips is dead serious in his charges against a pair of Japanese wrestlers named Harold Sakata and George Okamura. He was so irate with them, in fact, that he ordered them to appear in before the commission to explain their action.

The two stout men showed up all right. They were dressed in flowing Oriental gowns, wearing five-inch flat-form wooden shoes. As they walked up to the front of the commission hearing, Phillips yelled at them:

"Why did you throw salt in Nomellini's eyes?"

Before the startled Orientals could answer, commission Chairman Norman Houston rapped his gavel and said the query was out of order.

And then, to keep the hearing on something resembling a business session rather than an act out of "Madame Butterfly," he ordered the case continued.

As a commission member pointed out at Los Angeles, the commission is so weighted down with administrative duties it does not have time to act on other items of business.

The question of who threw salt in Nomellini's eyes, of course, must come under the hearing of "other business."

TUESDAY'S FIGHTS
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Archie Moore, 191, San Diego, outpointed Howard King, 188, Reno, Nev., 10 (not-titled).

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — Art Aragon, 148, Los Angeles, knocked out Danny Giovannelli, 149, Brooklyn, 9.

SEALYMO, Tex. — Willie Pep, 127, Hartford, Conn., outpointed Buddy Baggett, 125, Dallas, 10.

PHILADELPHIA — Joey Giardello, 159, Philadelphia, outpointed Joe Shaw, 160, New York, 10.

BOSTON — Walter Byars, 139, Boston, stopped Bobby Murphy, 141, Boston, 5.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Clarence Hinnant, 163 1/2, Washington, stopped Al Andrews, 136 1/2, St. Paul, 8.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — Raymond Rojas, 134 1/2, Port Worth, stopped Eddie Brant, 128, San Antonio, 3.

HOLYOKE, Mass. — Barry Alton, 152 1/2, Westover AFB, outpointed Sammy Walker, 156 1/2, Springfield, Mass., 10.

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