

Big Bats Into Play In American Camps

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This is the day the big bats come into play at American League training camps in Florida and Arizona.

Mickey Mantle starts working out with the New York Yankees at St. Petersburg, Fla. Jackie Jensen begins training with the Boston Red Sox at Scottsdale, Ariz. And Ted Williams, who winters in Florida, is expected at Scottsdale for his first workout.

This powerful trio shared the league's three major hitting titles last season. Williams had a batting average of .328, Mantle hit 42 home runs and Jensen batted in 122 runs. And Jackie, who belted 35 homers and had a .298 average, picked up the Most Valuable Player award in the process.

Mantle, the MVP in 1956 and 1957, signed with the Yankees yesterday for \$80,000, ending a two-day holdout. The figure, ignoring tax considerations and inflated dollars, is as much as the Yankees ever paid Babe Ruth, but falls \$20,000 short of Joe DiMaggio's top figure.

The Yankees said there is no "no-go-after-hours" clause in Mickey's pact.

Jensen, a teammate of Mantle on the 1951 Yankees also agreed to terms yesterday, but for only half as much, \$40,000.

It has been a decade since Williams carried off the MVP award but he signed recently for more than Mantle and Jensen combined. His salary is a reported \$125,000.

Ted's MVP year was 1949, the season Mantle and Jensen first showed up in the minors.

The Yanks completed their roster by also signing veteran pitcher Virgil Trucks.

Other new signees included Preston Ward, Kansas City and Gus Zernal, Detroit.

Although rain hit several of the 16 major league camps Friday, the general feeling was of optimism.

Mayo Smith, the Cincinnati Reds' new manager, praised the way pitcher Don Newcombe, a former Dodger star, is working to regain his 20-game winning form.

And Fred Haney, manager of the National League champion Milwaukee Braves, said his club is far ahead of last season's training pace.

But Haney received bad news when a doctor said Mel Roach, tabbed as the second season replacement for Red Schoendienst, will not be ready by opening day. Roach has a severe tendon tear

in his left knee. Schoendienst, suffering from tuberculosis, will not play before 1960 at the earliest.

The only other bad news came from Phoenix where Billy Muffett, the right-handed pitcher acquired by San Francisco from St. Louis, turned up with a 101-degree fever.

Fullmer, Webb Get Challenge

NEW YORK (AP)—He's ready to fight the best and we're going to try and match him with either Gene Fullmer or Spider Webb.

So said Harry Markson, general manager of boxing at Madison Square Garden, after undefeated Gene (Ace) Armstrong scored a near-shutout over Italian middleweight champion Ito Scottichini in the big arena Friday night. It made Armstrong's record 17-0.

The rangy, 27-year-old middleweight contender from Elizabeth, N.J., was judged a 9-1 winner in rounds by all three of the officials. That unanimity of opinion is a rare occurrence. It was even more unique in that all three gave the 29-year-old Italian the second round. The AP card agreed.

Markson said that Webb, the No. 3 contender from Chicago, was a more likely opponent for a May fight in the Garden since Fullmer, the No. 2 challenger, injured his right hand a week ago. The NBA rates Armstrong fourth while Ring has him 10th.

"Either one is OK with me," said Armstrong. "My job is fighting. And if I can fight the top-ranking guys, all the better. It will mean more money. The main thing is that I want to keep busy."

"I only had two fights last year and I was rusty each time I fought. Now this was my second fight this year and I felt real good. The more I fight the better I fight."

Armstrong took one look at Scottichini's low left hand guard and kept popping right hand leads to the head all night.

"It was such an inviting target," said Armstrong. "They tell you not to switch styles when you're winning. But that left hand was so low I couldn't resist leading with my right instead of the left."

He staggered the stocky Italian in the third, sixth and 10th rounds with right hand smashes. Ito bled from the nose and his face was battered but he wasn't fazed by a punch. Once he slipped to the canvas.

This was Scotty's first fight on his third invasion of the U.S. Despite the wallowing, he plans more fights here.

"I just couldn't get going," he said. "My arms and feet were dead."

Armstrong was the 4-1 favorite at ring time. He weighed 161, Scottichini 157.



ALWAYS A CRISIS — A staunch group of Klamath Union Pelicans supporters suffer with their favorites while the Pelicans were running behind the Grants Pass Cavemen Friday night. Shown are the Pelicanettes and the KU rally squad as they help to boost the Pels to a narrow 55-54 victory over the Cavemen Friday night.

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Fraley's Facts And Figures

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NEW YORK (UPI)—Fearless Fraley's facts and figures: Basketball betting has reached astronomical proportions with the bookies and, with their own national espionage system at work, the whippers from the other side of the law are that once again there are a great many suspicious results.

The bookies would not like to see another scandal such as the one in 1951. It would cut into what is a virtual gold mine.

Indicative of the close tabs they keep on the game is an incident at Pitt several weeks ago. The day of the Pitt-Holy Cross contest, the odds switched from Pitt being favored by two points to Holy Cross becoming the favorite by two. Not until sportswriters inquired why did the Pitt athletic publicity director learn that John Mills, Pitt center, had injured his ankle the night before.

But the bookies knew it. . . . How high is "up" for John Thomas, the Boston University freshman who set an all-time world record of seven feet, 1 1/2 inches in the high jump? Nobody can say, for sure, but former national indoor champion Herman Wyatt of Santa Clara thinks that Thomas eventually will do at least seven feet, four inches.

DODGERS EYE HOWARD The Dodgers are high on Frank Howard, six-foot, six-inch outfielder who was Ohio State's basketball captain. Last summer at Green Bay, Howard led the Three-Eye League with 37 homers, 119 runs batted in, 104 runs, 311 total bases and, as well, batted .333.

Pete Reiser calls him "the best man I ever saw in baseball." Jim Rhodes, state auditor of Ohio and former mayor of Columbus, has co-authored "The Trial of Mary Todd Lincoln." It figures to be as big a hit on the bookstands as his golf promotions were on the freeway.

Ken Loeffler, who won two national basketball championships at LaSalle, makes a point in proving that technical basketball and coaching have retrogressed.

"In one recent game a prominent coach threw away his chance for a possible tournament bid by taking out his key scorer when the boy contracted four fouls," Loeffler says. "The boy sat on the bench 15 minutes while the other team took the lead. Only in the last few minutes was he reinstated."

BANKS ON McMILLAN "There never has been any real reason behind removal of a player with four fouls," Loeffler adds. "He can't score on the bench and may play the entire game without another foul if the defense is reeducated."

Another fellow getting a big look in the spring training camps is Orlando Pena of the Cincinnati Reds. Up briefly at the end of last season, he allowed only one run in 15 innings and posted an earned run average of .60. But Pena, instead of getting a larger bat, threw the bouquets to shortstop Roy McMillan.

"Me pitch ball," Pena explains simply, "and hope it hit to McMillan."

With the thought that the gift called for an exchange—the best for the best—a sack of Klamath potatoes accompanies the letter to our New York friend.

Could be that this might end up with Gillette seeing their way clear to a scoreboard, or the like, encouraging Little "Shavers."

SKATING COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Tim Brown of Sacramento, Calif., clung to a slim 8.8 point lead at the halfway mark but a late rally assured Colorado's David Jenkins of his third world men's figure skating championship.

TENNIS BROOKLINE, Mass. — Lois Felix of Meriden, Conn., defeated Carole Wright of Brooklyn, 6-2, 8-6, for the 1959 national women's indoor championship.

JOHNNY COX HITS 38 KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Johnny Cox bombarded the basket for 38 points, the highest total of his brilliant three-year career, as Kentucky's top-ranked basketball team overhauled Tennessee Saturday night 60-56.

Cox's previous high was 34 points, which he scored as a sophomore.

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McMullin's 138 Tops In Baton Rouge Open

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) —

Crewcut John McMullin faded to a one-over-par 73 Saturday but still held a one-stroke lead at the mid-point of the \$15,000 Baton Rouge Open Golf Tournament.

The 23-year-old Fairport, N.Y., golfer ran into putter trouble on the last two holes, going one over par on each hole, but his

138 total still was one stroke better than Mike Souchak.

Souchak, Grossingers, N.Y., added a 71 to his opening 68, thrilling the gallery with a two-under-par three on the 18th hole.

Souchak reached in within two feet of the pin on the 515-yard hole on his second shot, then dropped the easy putt for an eagle three.

One stroke back of Souchak, were Gene Littler, Singing Hills, Calif., with his second 70, and Paul Harney, Worcester, Mass., who faded to 72 after an opening 68.

Bunched at 141 were Jay Herbert, Sanford, Fla., with 71; Dave Thomas, London, England, with 72; Canadian Al Balding, with 71; and Shelley Mayfield, Jerico, N.Y., who had 68, one of the day's best rounds.

Billy Maxwell, Odessa, Tex., and Arnold Palmer, Ligonier, Pa., tied for second after the first round at 67, both faded badly Saturday.

Maxwell had 75 for 142 total and Palmer was one stroke worse at 76 for 143.

A 36-hole final round is set Sunday with the field trimmed to the top 60 professionals and five amateurs.

Champion Accepts Challenge LOS ANGELES (AP) — The fierce pride of a champion was never better demonstrated than by shotput champion Parry O'Brien at the University of Southern California Friday.

The world record holder was one of hundreds watching when the sensational Trojan freshman, Dallas Long, got off a heave of 63 feet 4 inches in a dual meet against a junior college.

That's two inches better than O'Brien's official record, and although there was no chance of Long's mark being accepted because of the inadequacies of the Trojan practice field on which the meet was held, O'Brien accepted it—as a challenge.

While others surged around the 18-year-old giant from Phoenix, Ariz., O'Brien slipped unnoticed into the dressing room. When he returned, he was wearing his track suit.

The shot put event was over—Long having bested the second-place man by 23 feet—and O'Brien took a few warm-up tosses.

Then the 27-year-old former Trojan put his heart, his powerful muscles and his pride into one tremendous effort. The shot sailed 61 feet 6 inches. The king was still king.

O'Brien, now a bank employee, viewed the dramatic duel calmly. "Well," he said, "I had to do it. What would people think?"

Quite understandably, O'Brien was impressed by the youth who threatens to take over the field he has dominated so long.

"He looked very good," said Parry. "And he's got too much strength to go anywhere but up. I just hope I can fight him off for another year or two, but it's going to take some doing."

O'Brien and Long may clash officially for the first time next Saturday in an AAU meet. Long is entered, but O'Brien hasn't decided whether he will compete.

Matson Goes To LA Rams CHICAGO (AP)—In one of the biggest player trades in National Football League history, the Chicago Cardinals Saturday exchanged halfback Ollie Matson to the Los Angeles Rams for nine players.

The Rams gave up four first-string veterans — defensive tackles Frank Fuller and Art Hauser, defensive tackle Ken Pinfell and offensive end Glenn Holtzman. They also yielded three top draft choices—halfback Don Brown of Houston — their No. 2 choice; fullback Larry Hickman, Baylor, No. 3 and end John Tracey, Texas A&M, No. 4.

The Cards also will get another player to be selected prior to the 1959 season and also a high 1960 Ram draft choice.

Matson, the Cards' No. 1 draft choice in 1952, last season was well behind his peak pro year of 1956 when he carried 192 times for 924 yards. Last season, he carried 129 times for 565, for 11