

Kenny, Busso Head Week's Fight Card

NEW YORK (UPI) — Kenny Lane and Johnny Busso, the last two unsuccessful bidders for Joe Brown's lightweight title, trade punches at Los Angeles Friday night in the week's best fistie offering.

Lane is an 8-5 favorite for the scheduled 10-rounder, which will be broadcast and televised nationally by NBC.

Lane, a fast-punching southpaw from Muskegon, Mich., is the No. 1 contender in the 135-pound division while Busso is ranked fifth. Lane has lost only six of 61 pro bouts and Busso, a native of New York, has a 35-8-1 record for 44 starts.

Matthews Underdog In Fight

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Len Matthews has captured the imagination of Philadelphia fight fans.

That, apparently, is the only explanation for the 9-5 odds favoring the hometown boxer over second ranking lightweight contender Carlos Ortiz in their scheduled 10-round bout tonight.

Ortiz says of the odds, "They're crazy." His trainer, Sammy Chernin, says "Matthews isn't in the same class as Ortiz. "We've taken this fight to keep Carlos in shape."

Even Matthews' manager, Tony Graziano, admits he's puzzled. "I think Len has a good, even chance to win, but Ortiz should be the favorite. My boy has no ranking," fists speak eloquently for him, says under pressure for a verbal comment, "I guess I must have earned it."

Ortiz, 22-year-old Puerto Rican, now living in New York, has met some of the best in his division in compiling a 29-2-1 record. He has lost majority decisions only to Kenny Lane, the top contender for Joe Brown's title, and to Johnny Busso (No. 4). He reversed the Busso decision next time around.

Matthews has had only 18 professional bouts but scored 13 knockouts in his 16-1-1 record. The lone loss was to Paulie Armatstead, the only ranking (fifth) lightweight he's met. That, was a split decision.

Both fighters are fast. Ortiz is the superior boxer but has only nine knockouts. Like Matthews, he never has been stopped.

Promoter Al Lewis expects about 7,000 and a gate of \$30,000. There will be no radio or television coverage.

Campy Honored With Dodgers

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Roy Campanella will be honored tonight along with his former Los Angeles Dodger teammates by the baseball writers of Los Angeles.

Campanella, paralyzed 15 months ago in a near-fatal auto accident, arrived here Saturday for tonight's shindig and the opening of the Dodgers home games Tuesday against the St. Louis Cardinals.

"I'm really and definitely considering moving here," said the 37-year-old former catcher who now lives in Glen Cove, N. Y. "The weather's nice. Besides, I've been in baseball so long it's part of me, and I want to stay a part of it."

"My wife likes it too," he said, "but first I'm going to bring the kids out here to see how they like it. The three youngest — Roy, Tony and Princess — are coming out for the first game."

Campanella will hand over the baseball Tuesday night to get the Dodger-Cardinal game underway.

Thomas To Have Skin Grafting

BOSTON (AP) — A skin graft to speed the healing on his left foot has been ordered for world record high jumper John Thomas of Boston University.

Thomas was sent back to Massachusetts Memorial Hospital from the BU Infirmary Saturday by Dr. Chester Howe after he examined the foot John caught in an elevator door March 24.

Thomas bettered the recognized world high jump mark in February with a leap of 7 feet 1 1/4 inches.

Dr. Howe said Thomas would be hospitalized about five days before the grafting would be done, then would remain another week to 10 days.

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Throng Greets Leaders

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Cynics might say that it is a little early but it looks as though San Francisco is suffering from a severe case of pennant fever.

The undefeated San Franciscans returned home last night and were met by a host of dignitaries and an estimated 5,000 fans.

Today, the tempo increased with the team slated to get a hero's welcome in a gala parade through downtown San Francisco.

Twelve thousand balloons, 1,000 pounds of confetti and plenty of ticker-tape will be showered on the team, while pom-pom girls, college bands and the leather-lunged Foghorn Murphy saluted the Giants.

The parade was to end on the steps of City Hall with Mayor George Christopher presenting each Giant with a set of cufflinks.

The first home game is Tuesday with a full house a near certainty at Seals Stadium as the Giants host the Chicago Cubs. Jack Sanford is to make his debut on the hill for the locals.

Sunday, the Giants completed their impressive three-game sweep at St. Louis with a 6-3 triumph.

The San Franciscans outbit the Redbirds 13-6, but the issue was in doubt until the top of the ninth, when Jim Davenport singled, and with two men out, Orlando Cepeda tripled and Felipe Alou homered.

Both extra base blows were into the teeth of a stiff wind from left field.

Young Mike McCormick started for the bay team and pitched well, but was almost across in the first with Alou. Andre Rodgers and Cepeda committing bobles.

In the third, the Giants got one back when Bob Schmidt doubled and Jim Davenport, who collected three hits for the day, singled him home.

The persistent Giants tied it up in the fifth thanks largely to a bobble by the usually dependable Don Blasingame and a two-run triple by Willie Mays.

That capped the scoring until the ninth inning eruption. By that time Al Worthington had relieved McCormick and he received credit for the win. Wilmer Mizell went all the way for St. Louis and accepted the loss.

The Giants exhibited surprising tough pitching and their expected power in sweeping the series. On the debit side of the ledger were nine bobles and plenty of sloppy base-running.

Bad Weather Ruins Crowds

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The weatherman didn't win friends, influence people or make any money on attendance for major league baseball's early week-end start this season.

The major's scheme to begin the 1959 season five days early to get the attendance gravy from an extra weekend ran afoul because of cold and rainy weather in most major league cities.

The American League attracted 108,459 and the National 132,191 (at a combined total of 240,650 for Friday through Sunday. This was far off the 335,478 combined total for the first 1958 weekend.

Los Angeles' baseball opening beefed the 1958 total. The Dodgers, playing in the mammoth coliseum, drew 167,209 fans for a three game series with San Francisco.

There were 12 games postponed over the weekend by rain, snow or cold including doubleheaders in Baltimore and Philadelphia. Only two single games were washed out in 1958.

Betsy Rawls Golf Leader

BEAUMONT, Tex. (AP) — Betsy Rawls, the husky former Texan with the talented golf swing, led the women's tour in tournament victories today as the caravan headed toward Dallas and the \$10,000 Open.

Miss Rawls won the \$6,000 Babe Zaharias Open Sunday by overtaking Louise Suggs, another golfer seeking her third tournament victory.

Miss Rawls, who plays out of Spartanburg, S.C., and won the Lake Worth, Fla., and Columbus, Ga., opens on the winter tour, wound up with 215 for 54 holes to bag first money of \$997.50. She is the only player winning more than two tournaments.

Miss Suggs, the veteran from Sea Island, Ga., won second money with 218 and was two strokes better than Marlene Bauer Hage of Pittsburgh, who wound up third with 220.

Mickey Wright had 224 for a tie for fourth place with Jo Ann Prentice of Birmingham and Joyce Ziske of Milwaukee and it kept the blonde from Bonita, Calif., in the lead in money winnings for the year. Miss Wright has now taken down \$4,273.87.

Time Out



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STANDINGS

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Chicago	3	0	1.000	—
Washington	2	0	1.000	1 1/2
Washington	1	0	1.000	1
New York	1	0	1.000	1
Boston	0	1	.000	2
Baltimore	0	1	.000	2
Kansas City	0	2	.000	2 1/2
Detroit	0	3	.000	3

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
San Francisco	3	0	1.000	—
Milwaukee	2	0	1.000	1 1/2
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000	1
Chicago	1	1	.500	1 1/2
Los Angeles	1	1	.500	1 1/2
Cincinnati	1	1	.500	1 1/2
St. Louis	0	3	.000	3
Pittsburgh	0	3	.000	3

Dodgers Opening At Home

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The Los Angeles Dodgers returned home today after a strenuous spring training session in Florida and playing the first two games of the 1959 National League season.

The Californians split with the Chicago Cubs, beating the hosts 5-3 Sunday and losing the Saturday opener 6-1.

Tonight the Dodgers will be hosted by the Los Angeles baseball writers at a gala affair in the Beverly Hilton Hotel in nearby Beverly Hills. And Tuesday the team will open up the home season with a game against the St. Louis Cardinals at the Coliseum.

Roy Campanella, former Dodger catcher paralyzed 15 months ago in a near-fatal auto accident, and the Cardinals' Stan Musial will be honored tonight at the annual Dodger dinner.

Art Linkletter will emcee the affair and songstress Dinah Shore and singer Frank Sinatra will be among the celebrities entertaining. Mayor Norris Poulson also will be on hand along with some 1,400 fans.

The Dodgers, starting off the season with a loss to the Cubs, retrieved their honor Sunday behind the hitting of Don Demeter who slammed out a two-run homer in the seventh inning to put his team one run out in front.

Gil Hodges opened up the next frame with a double off of Glen Hobbie who relieved loser Taylor Phillips in the eighth, and then Hodges scored on a line single by rookie Ron Fairly to give the Dodgers a safety run and the last tally of the game.

The Dodgers seemed in for a repeat of Saturday's loss Sunday when the Cubs' Ernie Banks blasted out a two-run triple in the third inning off of starter Sandy Koufax to open up the scoring in the contest witnessed by 10,824 fans in 40-degree weather.

Banks scored Tony Taylor and Lee Walls and then scored himself on a single by Walt Moryn.

But that was the end of the Chicago scoring. Johnny Klippstein went in to relieve Koufax in the fourth and was credited with the win for a three-inning stint. Clem Labine finished out the game.

The Dodgers picked up their other two runs in the fourth on a walk, a double by Jim Baxes and a double by rookie Norm Sherry which scored both Rip Repulski and Baxes.

Finsterwald Grabs Greensboro Open

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Golf's gypsies were on the 1,200-mile hike to Houston, Tex., today hoping to find some sunshine after a water-logged finish to the \$15,000 Greensboro open tournament Sunday.

Dow Finsterwald battled through the biting cold wind and rain with a finishing six-over-par 77 but good enough to clinch first money with a 278 total, six under par.

Finsterwald, 29-year-old PGA champion from Tequesta, Fla., had a four-stroke cushion starting the final round, thanks to earlier rounds of 68-68-65.

Art Wall Jr. of Pocono Manor, Pa., riding the year's hottest streak, closed with a 74 to finish second at 280.

Finsterwald won \$2,000 and Wall, who won the Wilmington, N.C., Azalea Open and the masters at Augusta, Ga., the two previous weeks, picked up \$1,500. It brought to more than \$35,000 his earnings this year.

Sam Sneed of White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., gunning for his seventh Greensboro victory since 1938, finished with 70, the day's lowest score, for a 281 total and a third place tie with Bill Casper of Apple Valley, Calif. Each won \$1,100.

Sharing fifth place on 283 scores, worth \$816 each, were Tom Nieporte of Bronxville, N.Y.; Peter Thomson of Melbourne, Australia and Billy Maxwell of Odessa, Tex.

Locked in an eighth place tie at 284 were Mike Fetick of Yonkers, N.Y., leader through the first two rounds; Frank Stranahan and Doug Ford, both playing from Paradise, Fla. Each won \$650.

Larry Beck, 1957 national junior champion from Kingston, N.C., was low amateur with 292.

The weather was the real story of the closing round. The temperature hovered about the mid-forties all day, the rain never stopped and it was windy.

Finsterwald sounded a harsh note. He complained of what he termed gallery cheering when he made a bad shot or missed a putt. And he missed a few, taking three from the edge of the green seven times.

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MINOR LEAGUE

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Sunday Results

AMERICAN ASSN.

St. Paul 8, Fort Worth 6
Dallas 3, Denver 2
Minneapolis 9, Houston 5
Indianapolis 6, Louisville 5
Omaha at Charleston, snow.

Saturday Results

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