

# HANK LUISETTI OFFERED PHILLIPS OILERS JOB



From MIDFIELD  
By Bob Leonard

## Deacon Bill Picks Reds First Again

McKechnie Names Brooklyn Second, St. Louis Third

By GAYLE TALBOT  
TAMPA, Fla., March 26 (AP)—Deacon Bill McKechnie was cool and confident as he put his world champion Cincinnati Reds through their final workout here before breaking camp for the trip to Miami, Havana and the baseball wars.

"I'm picking the National league to finish just like it did last year," he predicted. "We will be first, Brooklyn second and St. Louis third."

As it is rare for the Reds' pilot to come out so flat-footed for anything except the doctrine of clean living, he was asked quickly to give his reasons, before he could change his mind.

"It's simple," he said. "We've won the last two years and I think we're stronger than ever before. They've got to come

## Cage Heads Agree on Rule Change

Nation's Basketball Men Recommend Abolition Of Three-second Regulation

NEW YORK, March 26 (AP)—The nation's college basketball coaches, in almost perfect agreement that courts and playing equipment be standardized have managed to get together on one rule change they consider desirable.

Concluding the two-day convention of the National Association of Basketball Coaches yesterday, they voted to recommend to the national rules committee that the three-second rule be eliminated.

Under present rules, a player is allowed to retain possession of the ball in front of the foul line only three seconds.

Other recommendations were that the backboards be of standard six-foot-by-four-foot size and preferably of glass; that the court be 84 feet in length from basket to basket and 50 feet wide; that the ball be a lacelless stitch ball of brown leather inflated to 13 pounds, and that court lighting be made to conform to specifications of the rules committee's research committee, headed by "Phog" Allen of Kansas.

Nels Norgren, University of Chicago coach, was elected association president to succeed Nat Holman of the College of the City of New York, who was voted the association's first award for "the outstanding contribution to the game of basketball."

## Tunney Named To Boss Naval Reserve Sports

NEW YORK, March 26 (AP)—Former Heavyweight Champion Gene Tunney said Tuesday that he will be in charge of all athletic activities in the naval reserve.

Tunney, who has been director of athletics in the naval aeronautics department with headquarters at Jacksonville, Fla., has been transferred to the bureau of navigation in Washington.

An imposing list of boxers also have been recruited for naval duty, Tunney added. They include Steve Belloise, who twice fought Ken Overlin for the middleweight title; Patsy Perroni, Al Nettlow, Cal Cagni, Jimmy Webb, George Abrams, Frank Poreda and Tommy Tucker.

## Long John Gee Optioned to Portland Club

ONTARIO, Calif., March 26 (AP)—Johnny Gee, \$75,000 southpaw, was optioned Monday by the Pittsburgh Pirates to the Portland club of the Pacific Coast league.

The deal sent the lanky hurler to the Portland club immediately but stipulated that he might be recalled to the Bucs on a 48-hour notice.

Gee, one of the costliest of Pirate players, was acquired from Syracuse in the International league after the 1939 season. An arm injury prevented him from working for the Bucs last year. During three exhibi-

## Golden Gate Turf Members Pledge \$200,000

OAKLAND, Calif., March 26 (AP)—The financially embarrassed Golden Gate Turf club announced through Track Manager Edward P. "Slip" Madigan Tuesday that its stockholders have pledged \$200,000 of the \$300,000 needed to satisfy creditors on April 1.

The new \$2,000,000 Albany track, which went bankrupt last winter after a discouraging bout with rainy weather and fans who seemed to lack the urge to do any real betting, is in process of financial reorganization now so it can obtain new racing dates from the state commission.

Although the management must raise an additional \$100,000 within a week, Madigan said "things really look bright."

## Dissension Strikes Joe's Fight Family

One-half of Managerial Combine Wants No Part of Simon

By SID FEDER  
NEW YORK, March 26 (AP)—Along the grapevine comes a report all is not flowers and soft music in Joe Louis' happy fight family at the moment, all because of Abe Simon.

When the one-eighth-of-a-ton stood off Joe for 13 rounds in Detroit last Friday, Promoter Mike Jacobs immediately re-matched them for Madison Square garden in May. Now you hear that one of Joe's managers (name withheld on request from source) is hemming and hawing about the match.

The reason—and if this doesn't slay you, try a gun—is that this particular pilot is "afraid" Joe will chop "our Abe" down in a couple of minutes the next time, thereby affecting the gate for the bomber's tea party with Billy Conn in June. The way the co-manager figures it out, last Friday's fuss made it look like Conn has a better than fair chance of beating Joe. But if Louis lays Abe low in par the next time, lots of the cash customers may forget all about the Detroit embarrassment and decide to stay away from the Conn bout for fear of what may happen to Billy Boy.

However, Joe's other manager and Joe himself want Simon

again. Joe never likes to "look bad" against any fighter, and he certainly was no "omph" guy in there the other night. So he wants another crack at Jimmy Johnston's gladiator—and will have it. For, no matter what they say, Joe is grown up now and as smart as the next fellow—and his managers know it.

## BASEBALL

EXHIBITION  
Brooklyn (N) 2, New York (A) 1 (11 innings)  
St. Louis (N) 4, Cleveland (A) 1  
Chicago (N) 10, Pittsburgh (N) 6  
Philadelphia (N) 1, New York (N) 5  
St. Louis (A) 5, Boston (N) 1  
Kansas City (AA) 4, Boston (A) 1  
Chicago (A) 5, Philadelphia (A) 6  
Detroit (A) 4, Buffalo (N) 2  
Washington (A) 15, Milwaukee (AA) 2

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## Soose Gets Title Shot At Overlin

NEW YORK, March 26 (AP)—Brilliant Billy Soose, "uncrowned king" of the middleweights, Tuesday finally was granted a title shot at Champion Ken Overlin, after an eight-month pursuit.

Under pressure from the press, Overlin and Manager Chris Dundee agreed to gamble the crown against the Farrell, Pa., flash at Madison Square garden on May 23.

That's exactly a year from the night on which veteran Overlin wrested the title (New York state brand) from Ceferino Garcia in the same ring. Since then Overlin has defended the title twice against Steve Belloise.

Today's contract provided pugilism with its first Damon and Pythias clause—a proviso under which Soose, if victorious, guarantees to defend the title within 90 days against Overlin or Overlin's staminate, George Abrams of Washington, D. C.

## Willamette Puts Two on All-Star

WALLA WALLA, March 26 (AP)—Coach R. V. Borleske of Whitman college, president of the North West Conference Coaches association, announced Tuesday the official 1941 all-conference basketball team. It includes two of Willamette's championship team and one each from College of Puget Sound, Pacific and Linfield.

The team: forwards, Norm Walker, College of Puget Sound; and summer Gallagher, Willamette; center, Howard Eberly, Willamette; guards, Truman Adams, Pacific, and Bill Greenwood, Linfield.

Second team: forwards, Hanson, DeFord, and Cross, College of Puget Sound; center, Husby, Whitman; guards, Kub, Willamette, and Anderson, College of Puget Sound.

Honorable mention: Bonnett and Kretschmer, Whitman; G. Jungling and Frazer, Linfield; Van Camp, College of Puget Sound; Haller, Pacific; Sherman and Dietrick, College of Idaho.

## Coast Hockey Playoffs Set For Vancouver

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 26 (AP)—Because members of the Spokane Bombers' team expressed their preference to play here, the remainder of the Pacific Coast Hockey league playoff series between the Bombers and Vancouver Lions will be played in Vancouver, Fred Taylor, league president, said today.

The second game of the series was originally scheduled for Spokane tonight.

In Spokane Denny Edge, owner of the Bombers, said he was surprised to learn his players refused to return to Spokane for one of the games. He said he was advised by Taylor his players decided they would play in Vancouver because of the larger crowds to be obtained.

tion games this spring, he lacked control and was credited with nine runs, 11 hits, eight walks against three strike-outs in eight innings.

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## Hoop Star Sailing for Honolulu

Outstanding Basketball Player To Appear in Exhibition Contests

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26 (UP)—Angelo (Hank) Luisetti, outstanding player in the national AAU basketball tournament in Denver last week, has resigned a position with the Standard Oil company, and is expected to accept an offer from the Phillips Petroleum company of Oklahoma, it was learned tonight.

Luisetti, who sails tomorrow for Honolulu to compete in exhibition games involving the University of Oregon, said he would make a final decision on the Phillips offer upon his return.

Should he accept, Luisetti will play for the Phillips Oilers, national AAU champions in 1939, and semi-finalists this year. He has played with the San Francisco Olympic club since restoration of his amateur standing last winter.

## WEATHER MAY BE PARTLY CLOUDY

The weatherman frowned and forecast "partly cloudy" for Thursday after several days of exceptionally fine spring weather.

Gardens were anything but damp but spring flowers seemed to be doing well with forsythia, hyacinths, daffodils and crocus bringing color back to the bare winter ground.

Maximum temperature Tuesday was given as 64 degrees by the US weather bureau. Minimum temperature Wednesday morning was 32 degrees, maximum at 2:30 p. m. was 62 degrees.

## Skit Program Scheduled for Altamont Gym

"The Bungling Brothers Circus," and "Cinderella" by children of Shasta school will be included in the skit program of the Altamont community to be held Wednesday evening (tonight), at the Altamont Junior high school gymnasium, at 7:45 o'clock.

Other groups who will present skits are: Altamont 4-H clubs under the direction of A. C. Olson and Mrs. Stewart; Shasta PTA, directed by Mrs. L. E. Baise; Shasta grange with Mrs. C. E. McClellan as chairman; Shasta extension unit directed by Mrs. Luella Johnson; and the Altamont extension unit with Mrs. Charles Thurman as director.

The program for the evening is being planned by Mrs. Stella Bowne. Judges are, Mary McComb, Lloyd Seely, and Rev. Hugh Bronson. The winners in the Altamont community skit program will present their skit at the county skit and folk festival to be given at Klamath Union high school April 4.

## Syrian Riots Kill Twelve

VICHY, France, March 26 (AP)—Twelve persons were killed yesterday and today in rioting at Damascus and Aleppo, Syria, and reports from Beirut said Gen. Henri Dentz, commander of French forces in the Levant states, had decreed martial law in several cities.

Dentz had been reported earlier as having arrived in Vichy for a visit but officials said this report was due to a misunderstanding and that actually conditions in the Near East were far too serious to permit his departure.

The rioting broke out, it was reported here, as a result of Syrian protests over food shortages and also because of nationalist agitation.

Some sources said the trouble was fomented by foreign agents.

## FETED

ASTORIA, March 26 (AP)—Clatsop county's two state high school basketball champions—Astoria in class A and Westport in class B—will be feted at a banquet here Friday night.

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## He Keeps 'Eyes on the Ball'



Ralph Buxton, right-handed "screwball" pitcher of the Oakland Pacific Coast League club kept his "eyes on the ball" as he worked out at the club's spring training camp at Napa, Calif. Whether Buxton's "eye control" also mystifies opposing batters was not disclosed.

## WILLAMETTE NOT 'PRIORITY' ROAD

The Willamette highway is not at present on the priority list as a military road, according to word received from the war department by the Klamath county chamber of commerce. Priority, however, has been accorded The Dalles-California highway.

In the letter it was stated that a network of 80,000 miles has been placed on the priority list, with the purpose of bringing these roads up to certain minimum standards for military use. The actual construction, however, will be carried on through the usual federal aid procedure, it was stated.

## BOXING

NEW YORK — Ernie Kay Kaplan, 165, Los Angeles, and Jerry Florio, 165, Brook- 175, dove, 175.

TAMPA, Fla. — Mills Bettina, 165, New York, stopped Jack Marshall, 155, Toledo, 175; Pat Vanhook, 200, Palestine, N. J., stopped Mike Lyons, 155, New York, 175.

WHITE FRAYS, N. Y. — Ray Landis, 155, Washington, outpointed Frank Zolna, 155, Stamford, Conn., 175.

NEW YORK — Tony Martellano, 168, New York, outpointed Vic Trout, 155, New York, 175.

LOS ANGELES — Chino Eames, 160½, Los Angeles, knocked out Richard Polite, 164, New Orleans, 175.

TAMPA, Fla. — Tommy Gomez, 162, Tampa, stopped Ernest Petratti, 165, New York, 175.

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. — Honey Melloy, 155, Boston, stopped Jimmy Hughes, 154, New York, 175.

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