

Win, Lose or Draw

By JOHN LARDNER.

Flexible Pep May Be Best Fighter for His Pounds

A case could be made out for Willie Pep, nee Papaleo, meal ticket of the many Papaleos of Hartford, Conn., and a staff of hungry managers, as the best fighter of his pounds now in action in the cauliflower business.

Willie's pounds are flexible, or, at any rate, his range is wide, for he plays all up and down the weight scale from bantams to light-welters. Next Monday night in Boston, he will strum the ribs of Senor Manuel Ortiz, world bantamweight champion of the Ortiz family and outlying sectors. A little while back Mr. Pep copped a handy duck from Willie Joyce, a lean welterweight from Chicago.

There nearly are 30 pounds difference between the bantam-weight and welterweight class limits, which gives you an idea of the extent of the territory roamed by Mr. Pep. Naturally, Willie does not fight bantams who weigh 118 pounds nor welterweights who weigh 147. He and his managers require welterweights to skin down a little in the direction of Willie's size when they fight him, and they do not object if the bantams come into the ring bulging slightly from over use of the knife and fork.

Willie Is Crafty Out of Ring as Well as In It

Such conditions are helpful to Willie. A bantam fighting over-weight is apt to lose his key asset, which is speed, and a welter peeling down to the middle 130's is bound to lose some strength. I do not say this to belittle Willie, who is very good at his work, but merely to emphasize that he is a smart operator with a contract as well as with gloves.

Weight has some bearing in a comparison of Mr. Pep and Henry Armstrong, the last man to prove successfully through many weight divisions. Right now Willie's record shows him to be a better man than the current Armstrong, and they may meet eventually, and that will be worth seeing. However, the record is not absolutely fair to Mr. Armstrong.

Henry was beaten quite easily by Mr. Joyce, in Chicago. Then Pep beat the same Mr. Joyce quite easily. That would seem conclusive but for certain rannyzoo at the scales. The fight game has gone to heck in this matter of weight. There are no distinctions any more. You see a flyweight and a light heavyweight walking down to the corner for some beer and you are apt to take the fly for the light heavyweight's father. This is because the fly is building up for a bout with Lou Nova and the light heavy is tapering down for a crack at Beau Jack.

Shedding of Weight by Joyce Didn't Help Him

After Joyce beat Armstrong, who is roughly his own size, and agreed to meet Pep, Mr. Pep's management closed in upon Joyce and began to feel his muscles and hammer his stomach in a respectful way. "You look good, Willie," said the Pep management. "Nice and healthy."

"I feel good," replied Mr. Joyce, flattered. "Look at those legs. In the pink, ain't they?"

"Very nice, indeed," said the Pep management. "They will have to come off."

"I beg pardon?" said Mr. Joyce, somewhat startled.

"They will have to come off," repeated the Pep agents firmly. "Unless you can think of some other way to get down to 134 pounds. That is the weight you must make if you fight our Willie."

Since there was a certain amount of sugar involved in the contest, Mr. Joyce did get down to 134 and managed to do so without amputation. It stands to reason that, if he shed many vitamins in the process, and that Mr. Pep profited thereby.

I say again that Mr. Pep is a good man with or without help, perhaps the best around. I think he will whip Senor Ortiz, who also is said to be competent. But it would be pleasant for all hands, and it would help the afflicted fight business, if these fellows occasionally would fight bouts that meant something.

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Friends Honor Ol' Mike Kelley On 50 Years in Baseball

By The Associated Press.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 15.—Michael J. (Mike) Kelley, sole owner of the Minneapolis American Association baseball club, today completed 50 years in organized baseball.

Kelley broke into organized baseball in 1894 when he signed with Tim Murnane of the Boston Globe to play in the New England League at \$75 a month. He started as a catcher but changed to first base "because it was easier." Since that day Kelley has sold as high as \$90,000 worth of ball players in a single season and he has had lean years, too.

Honoring Kelley's 50 years in the game, many of the Nation's baseball bigwigs are here to honor him at tonight's game between his Millers and St. Paul.

Among his baseball friends here to honor Kelley tonight are: Will Harridge, president of the American League; Earl Hilligan, head of the American League publicity bureau; L. C. McAvoy, vice president of the American League; George Trautman, president of the American

Association; Bruce Dudley, president of the Louisville Club; Donie Bush, president of the Indianapolis Club and former Minneapolis manager; Roy Haney, secretary of the Kansas City Club; Rudy Schaffer, general manager of the Milwaukee Braves; George Weiss, vice president of the New York Yankees; Warren Giles, Cincinnati; Herb Pennock of the Phillies; Jim Gallagher of the Chicago Cubs and others.

After gaining his start at Augusta, Me., in the New England League, Kelley went to Newport, R. I., as manager, Rochester of the International, Ottawa, Canada and then to Brooklyn. Then he went back to Hartford of the International, the Western and Indianapolis, then of the Cincinnati Reds to St. Paul. In 1911 Kelley helped organize the American Association and served as manager at St. Paul until 1908.

After one year at Des Moines and one at Toronto, he returned to the American League and managed them until 1924. When he left, he was succeeded by Kennerly, both of whom bought the Minneapolis franchise. He became sole owner of Minneapolis in 1934.

Unbeaten Boys' Nines To Clash in League

High lighting three games in the insect class of the Boys' Club Western division League tomorrow will be the meeting of two unbeaten teams, Industrial Home School and Cleveland Park, on the Western High diamond.

In the other games, Ida's Department Store will face another undefeated club in meeting the Eagles on the East End diamond and Mount Rainier will tangle with Mount Rainier at the same time on the South Ellipse.

In the junior section, Mount Pleasant, which also has a clean record, will count on its many all-star squad members to turn back the Merrick Club on the East Ellipse in a game starting at 3 o'clock. Friendship will take on Mount Rainier at the same time on the South Ellipse.

No. 10 Boys' Nine Victor

In a Boys' Club ball game between No. 10 and No. 5 nines, the former won 5-3. Ray O'Connell pitched for the winners and the attack was led by Yates, Graham and Hudson.

Tiedmann Lost to Orioles

BALTIMORE, July 15.—Shortstop Ad Tiedmann of the Orioles has been called for Army induction next Friday.

Mt. Vernon Kennel Club Is Set For Its Initial Evening Show

The newly organized Mount Vernon Kennel Club is holding its first sanction match this evening at the Ballston Baseball Park on Wilson boulevard at Randolph street in Arlington, Va. Entries will be taken from 7 to 8 o'clock, when judging will begin. The park is brilliantly illuminated by floodlights used for the night sports events. Outdoor evening matches are a novelty for this community, but one which will be welcomed by owners of dogs, who find daytime here a real problem. These include most of the short-nosed breeds, like bulldogs, Boston terriers and boxers, and some of the heavy-coated breeds, such as chows and collies.

The judging staff is headed by Al Gardner, president of the Arlington Kennel Club, who will do best in show, picking his winner from dogs sent up to him by the group judges. These are Col. Edwin Herzog, John Kimes, Carolan Ellis, Gene Scaggs and Arthur Forbush. In addition to the breed judging there will be children's handling classes, judged by Gene Scaggs, a recent graduate from this division and obedience test trials, judged by Beulah Compton.

A good array of silver cups and gaudy ribbons has been assembled for the winners. Others may console themselves with the various refreshments which will be offered for sale on the grounds at regular prices. Any dog over 3 months of age and of a recognized breed, even though not registered, is eligible for entry. Champions of record may compete. The entry fee is 50 cents per dog and admission fee is 50 cents per person.

Oma's 19th in a Row Halts Nova's Ring Win Streak at 14

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Oma, who began his fighting career in Detroit, added to recent successes in the East by winning a split-decision victory over Lou Nova in 10 rounds here last night at Olympia Stadium.

It was Oma's 19th straight victory and Nova's first defeat after 14 triumphs on a comeback. At 207 Nova had a 22-pound advantage in the weights. The 5,067 fans paid \$12-750 for the show.

Referee Elmer (Slim) McClelland awarded the fight to Oma, seven rounds to two, with one round even. Judge Joe Lenahan concurred, but Judge Frank Fisher voted for Nova.

When the decision was announced Nova collapsed in his corner. Dr. Norman Schaefer, State Boxing Commission physician, attributed this to sheer exhaustion and put no stock in the theory that the ponderous Van Nuys, Calif., battler was stunned by what he thought was a bad decision. The verdict was well received by the fans.

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Largely because of his stalling left hand, Oma piled up an early lead before he ran out of gas in the seventh round. At this point, Nova got in his best work and had Oma in trouble in the eighth. However, Oma rallied in the ninth and put on an excellent finish to take the tenth.

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Long Mackinac Race Attracts 31 Yachts

By The Associated Press.

CHICAGO, July 14.—The traditional 37th annual Mackinac race—longest fresh-water competitive voyage in the world—got under way today with 31 yachts and their crews of some 200 yachtsmen.

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Opposing Jones in the pole vault was Bruce Harlan, Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association champion for district 1, and Cornellus Greenway, Philadelphia Catholic League titlist in the event.

The 880-yard championship was sought by Jimmy Ord, former Yale star; Bob Jones, Penn State runner who recently defeated Ord in 1:58.4; and Dan Kirk, University of Pennsylvania freshman who has done 1:56.9.

John Diebler, Penn State captain, and Jim Spore, Princeton, were ready in the 440 yard F. C. Hungerford, unbeaten at Haverford in the 100-yard dash, was favored in that event and in the 220.

Newark Bears Annex 13 of Last 14 Games

By The Associated Press.

The Newark Bears are coming fast in the International League. Only a few weeks ago the Bears were deep in the second division. Now they boast a 5.00 mark, having captured 13 of 14 games and their last six in a row.

This surge has put the Bears only four games out of first place. Their latest victory was a 13-to-0 trouncing of the league-leading Jersey City club last night.

Syracuse snapped a six-game losing streak by beating Baltimore, 13 to 3, on Tuesday. Toronto nosed out Rochester, 9 to 7, and Buffalo topped Montreal, 4 to 3.

Stars Yesterday

By The Associated Press.

Bobby Estelle and Russ Christofide, Athletics-Bellevue, in a pair of runs in the ninth of the Cincinnati Reds, tied the game at 3-3 in the 14th inning. Phil Caltagirone, three hits and drove in two runs, batted for Estelle in the ninth and helped rally to give Giants 2-1 win over Reds.

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Griffs Skid Near 2d Division After Twin Loss to Macks

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From now on in the current series with Philadelphia's Athletics, the Nats will be battling to prevent a skid into the second division of the American League. That's the situation after that double defeat last evening by 4-to-3 scores.

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Dodgers' Tryout Camp Moves to Petersburg

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Brooklyn Dodgers tryout camp, finished at Frederick, Md., moves to Petersburg, Va., next week, where the club's new plan of recruiting the young baseball talent will be seen in operation at Colonial Heights Field starting Tuesday and continuing through Friday. The camp then will be transferred to High Point, N. C., July 24, 25, 26 and 27.

To receive tryouts, boys should report to Colonial Heights field Tuesday morning at 9, bringing their own shoes, gloves and uniforms. No fee is charged, but out-of-town boys must finance their trips to the camp and living expenses while there, for which they will be reimbursed if signed by the Dodgers.

All boys over 16, not competing in American Legion junior baseball, are invited to attend and be seen by such former big leaguers as George Sisler, Sid Matthews and Clyde Siskelford, now Dodger scouts.

Bethesda A. C. Seeks Game Tomorrow with an Unlimited Team

By The Associated Press.

Bethesda A. C. would like a game tomorrow with an unlimited team. It has its own diamond, but would be willing to play on its opponent's field. Call Wisconsin 6376.

Five years ago—Henry Picard beat Byron Nelson at 37th hole for PGA championship at New York.

Blanking Cards, Bucky Chalks 15th Victory At Halfway Mark

By JOE REICHLER.

Associated Press Sports Writer.

Bucky Walters, ace pitcher of the Cincinnati Reds, has added a flock of new laurels to his already imposing string.

Last night Walters won his eighth consecutive night game in defeating Mort Cooper and the league-leading St. Louis Cardinals, 3-0. It was his ninth win under the lights in 10 starts this season to rank him as the king of night pitchers.

The shutout was his fifth of the year, tops for pitchers in the majors, and his 34th in his career, which also makes him the shutout king of all active hurlers in the big leagues.

It was the third time he has blanked the Cardinals this season and his fourth victory over them. The National League champions have been able to tally only once in 40 innings off the converted infielder, making but 23 hits.

First to Notch 15 Wins. In addition, Bucky became the first major league hurler to notch 15 victories, which puts him in line to become the first pitcher to win 30 games since Dizzy Dean of the Cardinals achieved that total in 1924. The Reds have completed exactly half the 1944 schedule.

In another battle of aces, the New York Yankees, behind all-star Hank Borowy, defeated the Boston Red Sox behind their all-star Ted Hugheson, 4-3, to enable the Yankees to wrest second place from the Red Sox by a single percentage point.

The victory was the first for Borowy over Hugheson in three meetings, and his 12th triumph against four losses. For Hugheson, it was his fourth defeat against 13 victories.

The Philadelphia Athletics upset the Washington Senators twice by the identical 4-3 score to knock the Nats out of the first division, and pull themselves out of the American League cellar.

Chicks Sink Into Cellar. Southpaw Frank Overmire blanked the Chicago White Sox with two scratch hits to give Detroit a 2-0 victory. The defeat was the White Sox's seventh, in their last eight games and dropped them into last place.

Rookie Steve Gromek pitched and batted the Cleveland Indians to a 14-inning 3-2 victory over the Gromek gang, St. Louis Browns. Gromek, gay up eight hits and singled in Ray Mack with the winning run in the 14th.

Pittsburgh outthundered the Chicago Cubs four to one, but the Cubs scored the Pirates, 11 to 5, ending the five-game winning streak. Tommy Brown, who pitched and batted, won the game for the Pirates, while Stan Hack homered for the Cubs.

Adams relieved starter Harry Feldman for the Giants in the ninth and snuffed a Philly uprising to insure the New Yorkers' 2-1 victory over Philadelphia and Feldman's eighth of the season. Brooklyn and Boston were not scheduled.

Briggs Top Bindocis, 4-0, in 14 Innings

Briggs Clarifiers and Bindocis Oilers softball teams went 14 innings at Ballston Stadium last night, with the Clarifiers finally winning out, 4 to 0. For 13 innings Myron Reamy, new Briggs hurler, wrote a good story, 10 to 0.

Rickey Beach, the winners' centerfielder, started off the 14th with an infield single he beat out on a whizzer. He reached third on an error and here Martz weakened and three more hits and runs followed.

The powerhouse United Typewriter boys, good FBI ten, 4 to 0 in the girls' game, with each team registering four hits. Typists' tallies came as a result of two walks and G-Gal errors.

Belair Entry Favored In Jamaica Feature

By The Associated Press.

NEW YORK, July 15.—William Woodward Belair, stud entry of Apache and Bousuet ruled the early favorites today in the featured \$5,000 6-furlong Fleetwing at Jamaica race track. New Moon, Brownie, Ariel Lad and Bill Sickle complete the field.

Novikoff in Hospital

CHICAGO, July 15 (AP)—Lou Novikoff, Cub outfielder, yesterday was taken to the hospital for observation after being seized with severe abdominal pains. Dr. John P. Davis said he would remain in the hospital for several days.

Mine Labs, Kavakos Win

Mine Laboratory softballers scored their first victory of the season last night at Washington Stadium when they defeated IBM, 15 to 7. In the other half of the Northeast Night League twin-bill, Kavakos Grill defeated Castleberry Auto, 16 to 1.

Boys' Club Softies Win

Georgetown Boys' Club softball team handed a 4-1 defeat to Chevy Chase Playground yesterday.

Major Leaders

By The Associated Press.

BALTIMORE LEAGUE. Batting—P. B. Brown, 33. Runs—Johnson, Boston, 56. Hits—Lindell, New York, 101. Home runs—Cullentine, Cleveland, 26. Triples—Lindell, New York, 11. Stolen bases—Case, Washington, 12. Pitching—Maltersberger, Chicago, 6-1.

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Yates Bows to Rubin In Middle Atlantic Boys' Tennis Final

By The Associated Press.

Ted Rubin, a Baltimore youngster, is rivaling the famous Francisco (Pancho) Segura in the matter of walking away with every tennis title in sight this season. Ted now has added the Middle Atlantic boys' crown to his collection, after competing the title in both the Maryland and Pennsylvania State championships.

Rubin added the third crown yesterday on the all-wheeler courts of the Odell Tennis Club, Ballies Cross Roads, Va., where he defeated Jack Yates, City of Washington boys' king, 7-5, 6-1, in a final match transferred from the Friends School clay courts because of showers.

Rubin's triumph was a repetition of his win over Yates in the Pennsylvania State finals at Cynwyd Club last week. The Baltimore boy lost the first set, 4-6, in that event, and yesterday's victory was the opener to the hard-playing District 1, but finally crashed through with a brilliant show of stamina and finishing power that have impressed every gallery to see the young ace in action.

Junior division title in the Middle Atlantic championships was at stake today, with Britt Schweitzer, winner of the junior section of The Evening Star's City of Washington tourney, paired with Henry Valentine of Richmond. Both boys jumped into the final bracket when Schweitzer, 14, and Valentine, 14, of Richmond, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, and Valentine won over Washington's Billy Rafferty, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

In other junior matches to make up Thursday postumpmentations, Schweitzer beat Postumpmentations, 6-4, 6-1, and Valentine won over Washington's Billy Rafferty, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

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Parks Tennis Tourney Due for Start Today

The National Capital Parks tennis tournament, expected to be the biggest event of its kind ever held here, was scheduled to get under way today on the public courts at Sixteenth and Kennedy streets N.W.

The tourney is open to all members of District tennis clubs, and additional entries for the singles and doubles were to be accepted on the courts today between 5 and 7.

Pairings for today: 5 o'clock—Capt. Edward Kiewer vs. Red Darrin, 6 o'clock—Capt. Kiewer vs. Red Darrin, 6 o'clock—Capt. Kiewer vs. Red Darrin, 6 o'clock—Capt. Kiewer vs. Red Darrin.

Free For All, with Otto Grohs up, will be defending a winning streak of three straight including the Hyde Park Stakes in which he established a Washington Park record of 1:04 1/4 for 5 1/4 furlongs. He also will be carrying Owner March's bid for his third Arlington Futurity triumph. Occupation won for the Chicagoan in 1942 and Jezrebel triumphed in 1943 and Jezrebel triumphed in 1943 and Jezrebel triumphed in 1943.

Buddy Haas will handle Errard, while George (Iceman) Woolf, who booted George Drum to a surprise victory in the recent Stars and Stripes feature, will be astride Flood Town.

Talbert Title Favorite At River Forest Nets

By The Associated Press.

CHICAGO, July 15.—Top-seeded Bill Talbert of Indianapolis today was favored to brush aside a West Coast semifinal foe and oppose Norman Bickel of Oak Park, Ill., for the singles championship of the River Forest Open Tennis Tournament.

Talbert was pitted against Nick Buzich of Los Angeles, his partner in a doubles semifinal match today with Carl Walsh and Henry Balaban of Chicago. Bickley yesterday gained the singles finals with a four-set victory over third-seeded Thane Halsted of Wheaton, Ill.

In the women's semifinals, top-ranked Dorothy Bundy of Santa Monica, Calif., faces Catherine Wolf of Elkhart, Ind., while Mary Arnold of Los Angeles, second-seeded, encounters Shirley Fry of Akron, Ohio.

The other men's doubles semifinal