National League Victory Saves Erratic Shotton From Critics' Blasts

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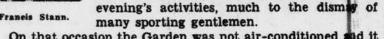
in, Lose, or Draw Odd Judgment

No TV, but Air-Conditioning

NEW YORK, July 12.-As a comparative stranger to these shores Signor Tiberio Mitri must be held blameless for any and all weird tangents taken in the publicity buildup for tonight's middleweight championship fight, also involving Jake La Motta. Especially since the Tiger of Trieste neur has

been beaten in 52 professional engagements. Thus, most of the stress placed by the International Boxing Club on the fact that Madison Square Garden will be air-conditioned must be attributed to La Motta, who happens to be the gentleman defending the historic title. Although it is his proud poast that he's never been knocked to the floor, Jacob's skirts are not too clean, especially since he developed a temperamental spleen a couple of years ago in a joust with a fourth-

rater named Billy Fox and retired from the



On that occasion the Garden was not air-conditioned aid it was necessary to throw open all doors and windows for some time to restore good odor. The wonder is that La Motta went upward and onward to win a crown once worn by such as kuby Rob Fitzsimmons, Harry Greb, Stanley Ketchell, Mickey Waker Jack (Nonpareil) Dempsey, Kid McCoy and a flock of others, including a distinguished modern named Tony Zale.

Some Say He's Over the Hill

For the record, La Motta won his title a little over a war ago in Detroit—the date was June 16—from Marcel Cerdan who fought with an injured shoulder and was forced to retire in the 10th round. Killed in an airplane crash while en route o a re-match, Cerdan was rated a superior fighter, but after his death La Motta loafed, aside from four non-title bouts.

One of these Jake lost. This was to Robert Villeman of France, a powder-puff puncher, rated by most international ring critics as a cut or so below Mitri, who at 24 years of are is five years younger than La Motta and who licked, among other Europeans, Cyrille Delannoit, who beat Cerdan, and Lauent Dauthuille, who defeated La Motta.

Some of Jake's best friends will admit that he's over the hill, but chances are that at bell-time he'll be the favorite. Not much of a choice, to be sure, but a choice, nevertheless, probably because it was La Motta who hung the only recorded defeaton Ray Robinson.

True, Robinson licked Jake four times and undoubtelly could do the same again tonight, but such is Ray's stature that La Motta's lonesome victory over the fellow rated the best . fighter in the world wipes out, more or less, memories of that horrible Billy Fox affair, among others.

Jake's Cost His Firm Money

As a matter of fact. Mitri well might give boxing a shot in the arm by winning. Next to the heavyweight class, then's none to compare with the middleweight division, so rich in background and so subject to violent change because n eligible men scale 160 pounds, or thereabouts, than qualty

Probably the International Boxing Club, which has suplanted Mike Jacobs' old Twentieth Century Club at great expense, would be happy to see Mitri win. A foreign champion never is unhealthy and, besides, La Motta has been a bust a a champion for the IBC.

Just when it looked as if his return bout with Cerdan las September would revive interest and make money, Jakie pleadel out for physical reasons. Then Cerdan died while flying to keep the postponed date in December. It's estimated that \$80,00 of the IBC's money went down the drain as a result.

Villemain made Jack look bad in a sub bout, with no title at stake. Then Rocky Graziano, a boyhood neighbor, got hur in the role of a challenger at the peak of an expensive build-up of the National League, to get him day at Kenwood Club by polishing terest to Washington fans, unless Again the IBC took a licking.

Nobody Gets Rich Tonight

There's no urge here to shed tears for Mr. Jim Norris and Cronin, general manager of the Herren, runner-up for the Na- play mark Taylor, Washington. A his colleagues who form the IBC and who undertook to supplant Red Sox, and Frank McKinney, tional Public Parks championship clash between Cochell and Welsh Mr. Jacobs, who wisely was getting out, anyway. It's their resident of the Pirates, overheard last year, defeated his doubles should produce some of the best money. The fact remains, however, that profits have been scarce, cronin joshing McKinney about partner, Steve Potts, Memphis, tennis of the tournament. if existent at all and nobody seems destined to become enriched the National League's leading Tenn., 6—2, 6—4, and in the tome-run hitter batting second. early afternoon won from Ed ment over last year's play in dis-

There's a feud between the IBC and the Managers' Guild, which is composed of 132 gentlemen who own fist-fighters and who think television receipts should be distributed so they may eat more heartily. Because of this view, IBC promoters refused until weigh-in time today to announce a preliminary card, ostensibly preferring to deal with the boxers directly while pledging them to secrecy insofar as their managers are

The disgruntled managers think that La Motta-Mitri will draw closer to \$35,000 than the \$75,000 predicted by the IBC, which, it's realized, is of little general concern but merely submitted at this point.

If tonight's fight does lay an egg, however, it can't be blamed on TV. It won't even be broadcast, although the Garden. as mentioned earlier, will be air-conditioned in the public

Arlington Racketer Loser

ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 12 (AP). Arcade Pontiac tightened its -Fourth-seeded Bill Davis of grip on first place in the Alex-Knoxville defeated William O'Brien andria Night Softball League last of Arlington, Va., 6-1, 6-2, in night by blanking Galliher & the North Carolina Open tennis Huguely, 5-0, behind one-hit tournament yesterday. All four pitching from Fred Kramer. top-seeded players won their

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Pontiacs Better Loop Lead

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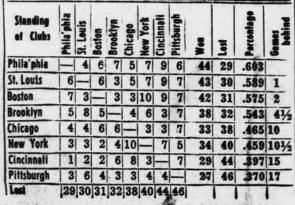
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Kiner Ties With Blow In 9th, Schoendienst Comes Through in 14th

By Burton Hawkins

Star Staff Corresponde CHICAGO, July 12.—The long ball, synonomous with the American League and key to the junior circuit's supremacy over the years, the weapon to which the National League today owes its first All-Star victory since 1944, dramatic 4-to-3 decision in 14 innings.

Two home runs-the first by Ralph Kiner of Pittsburgh in the ninth inning to tie the score at 3-3 and the second by Red Schoendienst of the Cards to open the 14th-not only brought the Nationals' fifth triumph in 17 efforts but, in the minds of many baseball men, overcame some erratic and illogical direction by Manager Burt Shotton.

Before 46,127 fans who paid a record \$126,179, Kiner, Schoendienst and near-perfect pitching over the last nine innings probably saved Shotton from a barrage of criticism for turning his back on percentage baseball at a time when the National League was desperate to regain lost prestige in battle with the Americans.

Konstanty's Removal Puzzles. First, the Dodgers' manager unccountably excused Jim Konstanty of the Phils after the bespectacled relief specialist had hurled a sizzling sixth inning, fanning two hitters and forcing the third to ground out softly. When the seventh inning came up, Larry Jansen of the Giants was pitching for Shotton.

If anything, Jansen was even more heroic than Konstanty, but the second-guessers were unable to figure why Shotton so quickly removed the Philly right-hander when, by pitching him one more inning, he would have been able to lift him for a pinch-hitter with the score 3 to 2, favor of the Americans.

Having made the original mis take, Shotton parlayed it. He allowed Jansen to bat starting the eighth inning at a time when the and needing a run considerably more than they needed pitching.

But Shotton got by with it when Kiner brought him a tie and Schoendienst—sent to second base after Jackie Robinson left the game-brought him victory. Robinning for Pinch-hitter Johnny Wyrostek of the Reds.

Kiner's Placing Pays Off.

and there is evidence he stuck to Herren of Birmingham, Ala. his guns in that respect despite Herren projected himself into and Don Leavens, Washington. down in the batting order.

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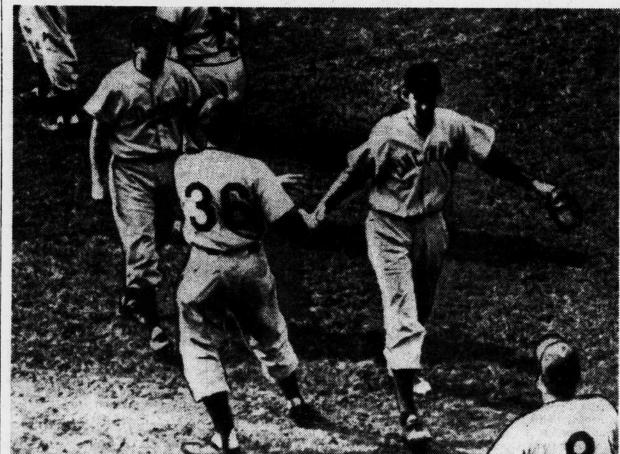
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HEROES OF NATIONAL LEAGUE VICTORY-Outfielder Ralph Kiner (left) and Second Baseman Red Schoendienst receive congratulations of Manager Burt Shotton after the National Leaguers defeated the American Leaguers, 4-3, in 14 innings in yesterday's All-Star game at Chicago. Kiner hit a homer in the ninth to tie the game at 3-3, while Schoendienst hit a 14th-inning homer that won the game.



ckwell, winning pitcher, is greeted by teammates as he heads for the dugout 247. He played in 54 games,

after the All-Star game. Pictured here in the welcoming line are Peewee Reese (left), Robin—AP Wirephotos. Tennis Player Who Beat His Pal Now Mid-Atlantic Title Threat Resulting to the season here played with the Redskins. The played in 54 games, scored 10 touchdowns, 127 extra points and 20 field goals. The 6-foot, 190-pound Poillon has been used mainly as a punter and extra-point kicker in recent years. He averaged 40.9 yards in punting last year and 42.9 for the five seasons he played with the Redskins. The foot, 190-pound Poillon has been used mainly as a punter and extra-point kicker in recent years. He averaged 40.9 yards in punting last year and 42.9 for the five seasons he played with the Redskins. The foot, 190-pound Poillon has been used mainly as a punter and extra-point kicker in recent years. He averaged 40.9 yards in punting last year and 42.9 for the five seasons he played with the Redskins. inson had been lifted in the 11th Now Mid-Atlantic Title Threat

By Caspar Nannes

Shotton's strategy of batting Middle Atlantic tennis champion-Kiner second paid off, however, ship appeared today in Wade trict champion, and Ricardo Bal-

Only the rain stopped him, fore darkness forced them to quit, direction in most of the rallies. They replayed the match yester-

Herren, a smooth-stroking player who can cover court like an antelope, meets seventh-seeded Sid Schwartz of New York today at 3 p.m. This should prove a top match in a day loaded with

Among them will be Gil Shea, Los Angeles, seeded 8, and Gil Bogley, Washington star; Malcolm

A new threat for the men's Seattle, Wash.; Jim Brink, Seattle. biers, Chile champion, seeded 3,

pressure by Ford Frick, president the feared contender class yester- Another match of particular into drop the home-run king further off Gil Hunt, Washington, in an upset prevents their meeting, straight sets following an iron- will bring together Earl Cochell, Frick, attending a dinner Mon- man day in which he won two San Francisco, seeded 1, and

Shotton doesn't think much of Wesely, jr., Washington junior posing of Hal Burrows, Charlottes-your boy," kidded Cronin, pointing 6-3, 6-3. After he beat Hunt, ville, 6-3, 6-2. The former 6-3, 6-1, officials said Herren junior champion is hitting his wanted to play his doubles match. service and forehand with more power and certainty than ever. In All this occurred after Herren the long rallies with Burrows, he and Potts arrived on the scene invariably wrested command from Monday after a 600-mile drive the former Virginia University from Cincinnati, only to learn they star to win the points. Both men were scheduled to play each other. hit hard and sought the net at The two went on the courts that every oportunity, but Bogley's betevening and battled to 11-all be- ter control turned the tide in his Gerry Thomas, Washington,

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pionships today at Kenwood Country Club are: 3 p.m.-Gil Shea, Los Angeles, vs. Gil Bogley, Washington; Sid Schwartz, New York, vs. Wade Herren, Birmingham, Ala.; Malcolm Fox,

Baltimore, vs. Fred Fisher, Seattle. 4 p.m.—Arnold Saul, Los Angeles, vs. Bernie Schreiber,

Baltimore. 5 p.m.-Jim Brink, Seattle, vs. Jim Thackara, Washington: Ricardo Balbiers, Chile, vs. Don Leavens, Washington. 6 p.m.-Welsh vs. winner Cochell-Taylor, Charles Oliver vs. winner Hugh Stewart, Los Angeles, vs. Frank Dunham, Washington.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION. Indianapolis, 7; St. Paul, 3. Toledo, 11; Kansas City, 5. Milwaukee, 6; Columbus, 5. Minneapolis, 10; Louisville, 4. EASTERN LEAGUE. Williamsport, 3—2; Wilkes-Barre, 2—9. Scranton, 7; Elmira, 4. Utlea, 11; Albany, 4. Binghamton at Hartford postponed.

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La Motta Choice At 5-7 to Whip Mitri Tonight Middleweight Champ

Convinced He'll Beat Predecessors' Jinx

By Murray Rose

NEW YORK, July 12.-Middleweight Champion Jake La Motta bucks a double jinx tonight when he defends his title against unbeaten Tiberio Mitri of Italy in Madison Square Garden.

The last three middleweight kings, Marcel Cerdan, Tony Zale and Rocky Graziano, all lost their crowns in their first defenses. All three were favored to win. La Motta is a 5-to-7 choice to

capture the 15-rounder (starting at 9 p.m., EST) in his first defense since he won the championship from the ill-fated Cerdan.

But Jake firmly believes "It's not going to happen to me. This title is the thing I've always wanted and I'm going to keep it a long time. I'm in better shape for this fight than I've been in years." This observer thinks the jinx is going to strike again.

Redskins Give Poillon Jake, at 29, appears to be over the hill. He's taken plenty of punches in his 10 years of pro battling, and slowed down considerably. He fights in 15-second flurries, hoping to get the officials' nod with his short, eye-catching bursts.

Mitri 24 Years Old Today.

Mitri, who celebrated his 24th to the Baltimore Colts today in birthday today and hopes to cap exchange for their 10th choice in it off with the world title, is fleetfooted and fast with his hands. The handsome, well-built invader throws a hard left jab, has a good right-hand punch, and has supreme confidence in his ability to take Jake.

"I know I will win," he said. "I am very lucky to get this chance at the championship and I'm going to make good.'

It's too bad for Mitri that the fight won't be televised. With his good looks he was a cinch to wow the ladies. The scrap won't be broadcast, in this country, either, Mitri plans to keep on the move constantly, sticking at the stocky

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than any other Redskin. Last season he surpassed Andy Farkas' Facts on Fight record of 216, ending up with

extra point in 64 tries, they have been weak in punting and Poillon is expected to fill the gap. Poillon attended Canisius Col-

Dick Poillon.

Poillon joined the team in 1942

and since has scored more points

lege and then started his pro-football 'career with the Long Island Indians of the American Association. The Redskins bought him in

For Colts' No. 10 Pick

Dick Poillon, 29-year-old Wash-

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In Next Year's Draft

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Dick Mc-

Cann, general

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Poillon, who

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