

NIGHT BALL BANNED IN NEW YORK CITY



Sports Hodge-Podge BY CARLE HODGE

Washington's arm-chair generals are, according to reports, hatching up a new brain child. Pvt. Joseph Louis Barrow will bolster the army's morale by touring camps instead of defending his title.

Plans for The Bomber's big bout for service relief next month will be scrapped by the War Department so that he may put on exhibitions in training centers across the nation and at the same time prepare himself for action against the real enemy.

Generally speaking, the place of every service man is in action. But each soldier and each civilian should be placed by the military in a capacity where he may best help the nation's cause. So far as Joe Louis is concerned, that place is the ring.

Every cent of the net receipts for the Louis-Buddy Baer match went to navy relief, into the big pot to safeguard the families of sailors who give their lives for democracy. Mike Jacobs thinks the army and navy funds could get around \$150,000 from the proposed June fight.

Just what more could boost the morale of a fighting man than the knowledge that his loved one will be protected from economic disaster?

Why send a man who can be of that much monetary help to his brother soldiers into battle when another could fill his place just as well? Fight fans will keep on paying good money to see the champ. And a big part of the gate receipts would keep right on adding up for army-navy relief.

Private Louis' cog in the wheel for victory is behind a pair of boxing gloves.

Sports Carbon: According to Associated Press reports, a Louisiana family took this message from a relative, a former ball player now in the service, to mean he had sunk a sub: "Played one game on a wet field today. Got a homerun on the second pitch."

Definite orders banning lights for night games at Wilmington's Legion stadium came yesterday from Fort Bragg, headquarters for this military district.

Brig. Gen. Weathered, district commandant, told shipyard officials that no more arc-light fields for athletic contests will be permitted in this coastal area. The Shipyard semi-pro team had scheduled a game for Friday night.

Sportsmen who relax their minds from heavy tax worries by playing golf will probably have to find another refuge now. With the lowered income tax brackets, their caddies are going to be complaining about next year's returns pretty soon.

More Of The Same— . . . Reports that the army is investigating Soldier Billy West's boxing matches here recently as to the money paid the M.P. and possible injuries he received are false, so far as this corner can find out. At least, if such an inquiry was started it probably was dropped when the fighter left the local air base.

. . . Opening games in the new Seaboard amateur baseball league, which were rained out Sunday, are slated for the coming Sunday afternoon on the Masonboro and Robert Strange diamonds . . .

. . . And speaking of Joe Louis' possible June title defense, Cleveland's chances are much better for getting the big bout—if and when—because of the east coast's dim-out regulations.

. . . Leo Durocher's photo among a bevy of classy hat models appears in this month's Vogue. Deah me!

Advertisement for Treet Single-Edge Blades, featuring an illustration of a woman and a man, and text: 'We Carry Excellent Quality FISHING TACKLE Reasonable Prices. Reel Repairing. SNEEDEN CYCLE CO. 114 Market St.'

Army May Not Permit Louis To Defend Title

CHAMP TO TOUR SERVICE CAMPS AS MORALE AID

WASHINGTON, May 18.—(AP)—The Army has grown extremely cool toward the idea of Joe Louis defending his heavyweight championship this summer.

In all probability, Private Joe has done his last serious ring fighting until after the war ends. The generals who decide such things have not yet given Promoter Mike Jacobs the bad news, but he received a broad hint when he was here the other day asking around.

The Army feels, frankly, that it is time for Louis and all the lesser prizefighters in the armed forces to settle down to their soldiering. There is a war on. It was pointed out to one by a number of high-ranking officers, and there has been no indication that the nation's morale would be keened-up by a heavyweight fight.

Louis, they feel, would best utilize his great talent by giving exhibitions in the many training camps over the country, and in between such bouts indefinitely continuing his training for the battlefield, Joe, in fact, already has been assigned to special services to make him more readily available for exhibition bouts.

The Army's frosty attitude is painful to Promoter Jacobs, particularly so since Mike was under the original impression that he and the armed forces had reached a mutual friendship pact during the past winter that would make Private Louis available for a big outdoor fight this summer.

There was the Louis-Buddy Baer engagement at Madison Square Garden of which the entire net receipts went to navy relief. Neither Promoter Jacobs nor Louis drew down a nickel from that one. Then, in March, Joe knocked out Abe Simon in the same ring for the benefit of the Army emergency relief fund. That was supposed to have been the clincher.

However, Promoter Jacobs, as he seeks now to match Louis against Bob Pastor in a big, climactic fight for the benefit of everybody—including Louis, Pastor, the Army emergency relief fund and Promoter Jacobs—apparently is about to discover that his "understanding" with the armed forces was only a beautiful dream.

Mike, after his most recent interview with some of the near-top men here, in which he tried unsuccessfully to get a decision one way or the other, left in a proper temper. The Army remained cool.

Mike told them a Louis-Pastor outdoor show should draw in the neighborhood of \$600,000, of which he believed he could guarantee the emergency relief fund about \$150,000. He observed, too, that Private Louis needed the fight to meet his income tax obligations. The Army replied, in effect, that it was an extraordinary situation that required a soldier to receive a furlough so he could make money to pay his income tax.

A decision will be forthcoming soon, and a poll of responsible quarters indicated the odds should be about 5 to 1 against Louis fighting this summer—unless there should be a sharp change in Army opinion in the meantime.

BROOKLYN, May 18.—(AP)—The Brooklyn Dodgers boosted their national league lead to seven full games today with their seventh straight conquest, a 4 to 1 triumph over the Chicago Cubs.

Johnny Allen, the veteran right-hander, pitched five-hit ball that would have brought him a shutout except for a home run by catcher Clyde McCullough in the ninth inning.

The national league champions scored all their runs with timely hits off Jake Mooty, two of them coming on a pair of doubles by Arky Vaughan.

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Berlin (From German Broadcasts). May 18.—(AP)—German military spokesmen said today that the operations on the Kerch peninsula were aimed only at "rounding out" their positions and declined to describe the action as the beginning of a German offensive. They said the attack on Russian positions was being conducted with "complete success."

Pastor-Mauriello Bout Is Reset For Friday

NEW YORK, May 18.—(AP)—With the conflict of night baseball eliminated, the Bob Pastor-Tami Mauriello heavyweight fight at Madison Square Garden today was re-scheduled for Friday, May 22. Originally set for that night, the bout was advanced to Thursday because the Giants and Dodgers had a floodlight game scheduled for Friday night. The rival attraction was removed today when night baseball was officially banned by Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine as a war measure.

ACTION EXPECTED ON FRIDAY'S CARD

Luttrell, McCoy, Hill And Pinto Will Appear On Wrestling Royal

"Unless I miss my guess some of the fastest, roughest wrestling ever witnessed here will feature the wrestling royal to be presented Friday night at Thalian Hall," declared Bert Causey, promoter, as he completed arrangements for this week's card.

Four top-notch wrestlers are being brought in for the melee, each an artist in his own right at dish-ing out punishment while being able to absorb plenty of it in return.

Those to participate are Cowboy Luttrell, of Fort Worth; Bibber McCoy, Boston; Stanley Pinto, Chicago, and Sailor Barto Hill, of Nebraska, among the most popular wrestlers who have appeared here.

Under rules of the royal, the first two pinned will form the first match, with the victors appearing in the main event. A royal is one of those melees where it is all after one and one after all until decisions have been obtained, and, according to the promoter, they offer plenty of action.

The first match will be for the best two out of three falls with a sixty minute time limit, while the main event will be for the best two out of three falls with a ninety minute time limit.

Al Massey, a boxer who appearing as a substitute on last week's wrestling card, has been engaged to referee the matches.

Doors at Thalian Hall will open at 7:15 o'clock with the first event starting at 8:40 o'clock.

The Baseball Standings

Table with columns: Team, American League, National League, Won, Lost, Pct. Includes standings for Brooklyn, Boston, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Washington, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Detroit, Cincinnati, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, New York, Chicago, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Boston, Brooklyn.

SHIPYARD TEN BEATS MOLDOFT

Boatbuilders Advance Into League's Second Play; Firemen Defeat Phalanx

Last night in a Victory league game at Robert Strange the powerful Shipyard softball club defeated Moldoft to advance into second place. It was a nip and tuck battle, the Builders not able to win out until the last inning.

In the Hanover league twilight game the Firemen continued their winning streak as they won from Phalanx, 10-0, in a ball game much better than the score indicates. Cliff Owensby notched his fourth victory of the year as he set the Phalanxers down with five hits. E. Bullard was the star as he homered, drove in three runs, and scored another himself.

This afternoon at 6:30 Senior Frat will be out to trim the Rail-roads in what promises to be a good game. In the 8:30 Victory league game the Apprentice Ma-roses will unveil their new sixteen year old pitching star, Lofly Scroggs, as they meet the Air Base Blues.

Table: HANOVER LEAGUE. Columns: Team, Ab, R, H. Rows: Firemen, E. Casteen, Hamilton, Hall, Lee, E. Bullard, Rivenbark, Jordan, Wolff, Owensby.

Table: PHALANX. Columns: Team, Ab, R, H. Rows: Bowers, C. Meier, D. Jewell, Taylor, Walker, Davis, Jones, Smith, K. Jewell, K. Jewell, H. Meier.

Table: VICTORY LEAGUE. Columns: Team, Ab, R, H. Rows: Moldoft, E. Culbreth, Allen, Jordan, K. A. Cousins, Kennedy, Mapp, K. Kornegay, C. Culbreth.

Table: SHIPBUILDERS. Columns: Team, Ab, R, H. Rows: Shipbuilders, E. Bohannon, Hedges, Nelson, Russell, Veltchus, Livesay, J. Bohannon, Kinnell, Whitfield.

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The Redbirds made one tally in the first and after their former star, Johnny Mize, hit his fifth homer with one on in the last half of the inning, the Cardinals made the victory secure with a five run rally in the second. Jim Brown and Terry Moore each singled two runs across in this upswing, which routed Rookie Dave Koslo.

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Probable pitchers in the major leagues tomorrow (won-lost records in parentheses.) National League: Chicago at Brooklyn—Lee (3.1) vs. Davis (4.1).

Baseball's Big Six: Player, Club, G, Ab, R, H, Pct. Spence, Gordon, Doerr, New York, Lamanna, Fernandez, Reiser, Dodgers.

Home Runs National League: F. McCormick, Reds, 7; Camilli, Dodgers, 6; Marshall, Giants, 6; Litwiler, Philadelphia, 6.

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Chisox Hurler Rigney Enlists For The Navy

Chicago Mound Mainstay To Be Inducted At Great Lakes Station Tuesday

CHICAGO, May 18.—(AP)—John Dungan Rigney, pitching mainstay of the Chicago White Sox, starts wearing the blue of Uncle Sam's Navy tomorrow.

The 27 year old Rigney, who evidently made no effort to obtain a commission, enlisted today at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, and was inducted as a seaman, first class, which is comparable to a private in the Army.

He was ordered to report back tomorrow to receive his uniform.

Whether he will be immediately available for Lieut. "Mickey" Cochrane's Great Lakes Navy baseball team, along with his other duties, was not disclosed by the naval officials. Like all other recruits, Rigney will be taught the fundamentals of seamanship and will join other "gobs" in the routine of marching and drilling.

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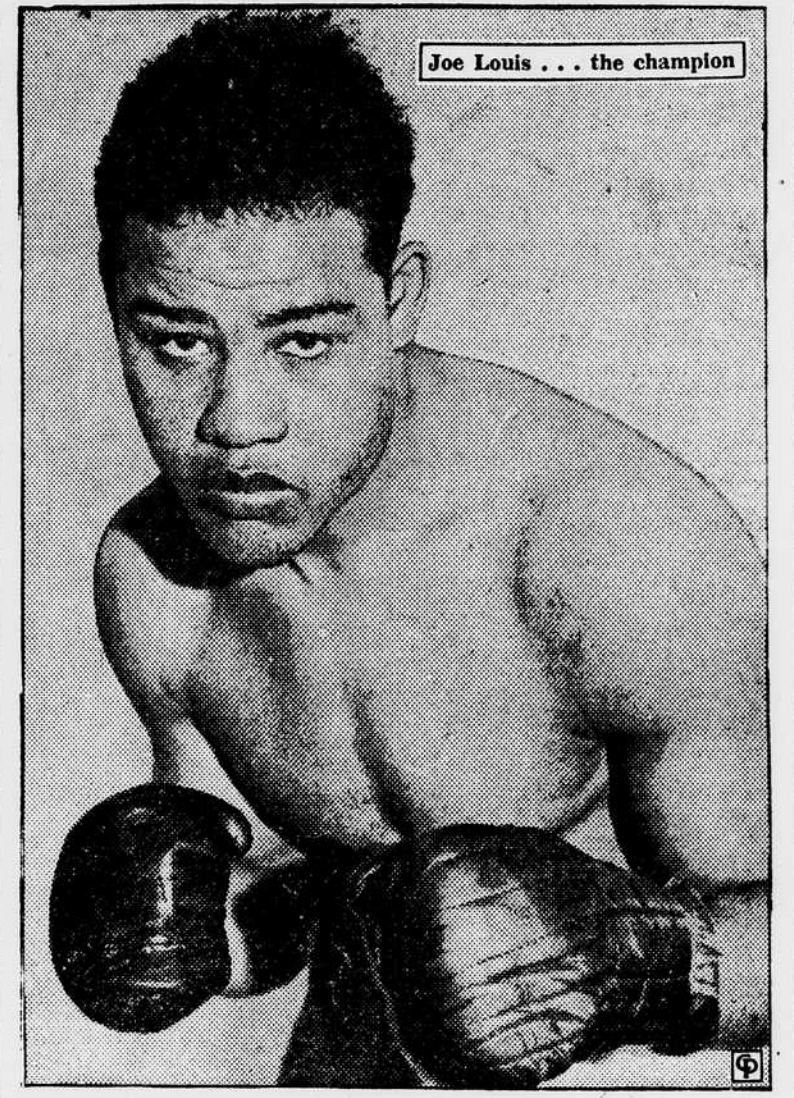
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Action in taking over the club greens was so swift that golfers and workmen met in mid-course while Harry T. Dolan, special assistant to the U. S. attorney general, was in the Queens court clerk's office filing condemnation proceedings.

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Joe Louis . . . the champion

CAMP DAVIS TEAM SEEKS NICKNAME

Soldiers of Camp Davis are balloting merrily to decide a nickname for their athletic teams and more than a dozen monikers are receiving strong support in various quarters. The poll will end Saturday noon.

An unusual feature of the vote to date has been the wide variety of choices. There are twelve suggested nicknames on each ballot, and almost every one has a following; many voters are forwarding names of their own to contest headquarters. Several nicknames are bunched at the top of the list.

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OFFICIALS SAY BASEBALL PARKS MUST BE DARK

Club Heads Move To Alter Schedules As Arc-Lights Are Ordered Put Out

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Larry MacPhail, Dodgers' president, refused to comment until he received official word of the ban. "I don't know a thing about it," he said. "I haven't received any orders and I haven't given any thought. I haven't even looked at the schedule yet."

Valentine's decision followed a test made last Tuesday night in which observers went 25 miles out to sea, unknowingly passing through a convoy en route. Returning, the observers found the convoy silhouetted against the reflection of the city lights, making the ships vulnerable to submarine attack.

Both the Dodgers and Giants have 14 night games scheduled, and the loss of revenue resulting from the ban has been estimated at anywhere from \$100,000 to \$200,000, although Stoneham declined to give an estimate of the possible loss.

Newark and Jersey City, the metropolises' neighbors across the Hudson river, have taken no action against night games for their clubs in the International league.

The Jersey City Giants played a game under the lights last week and the Newark Bears have been scheduled for tomorrow night.

Fox And Fox Score Bosox Over Tigers

DETROIT, May 18.—(AP)—Manager Joe Cronin restored Jimmy Fox and Pete Fox to the Boston Red Sox lineup today and they batted home three runs for a 3 to 2 victory over the Detroit Tigers that squared their series at one game. It was Charley Wagner's fourth pitching victory against two defeats.

Old double X batted a two-run homer, his fourth of the season, in the sixth inning, to send the second defeat to Rookie Hal White, who won his first two American league games by shutouts. Pete Fox and Ted Williams each singled home a run in the third.

BOSTON, May 18.—(AP)—The Red Sox today won their second game in a row, a 3 to 2 victory over the Detroit Tigers. Jimmy Fox and Ted Williams each singled home a run in the third.

Original names were an interesting feature of the first week of balloting. Sgt. Ivan E. (Frenchy) LaFrance, ubiquitous boxing impresario, suggested the teams be called the Fighting MacArthur's as a tribute to General MacArthur.

Pvt. Spencer King came up with a good suggestion in the form of Ack Acks, British name for anti-aircraft guns. The Yanks was the suggestion of Pvt. Edward Danforth. One group of voters favored the name Bombardiers. Another voter was in favor of calling the Camp Davis teams Sals. One said he thought they should be called the Sentinels.

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