

National League Undone By Jinx on Home Games

By The Associated Press

The major league ball clubs are on the move again. Back in the old days, the teams counted on building up a nice bulge on the opposition during the long home stands.

But home isn't like that any more, especially in the National League. Seven of the eight teams can't win for losing in their own yards this year. However, New York Giants have won 13 and lost eight in the Polo Grounds.

In the American League, Cleveland, Chicago White Sox and New York Yankees, 1-2-3 in the standings, own winning records both home and away.

Cleveland has the best home record in either league—16 victories and six defeats—and opens a 13-game home stand to-night against Washington.

Cleveland stretched its lead to two games over the White Sox Monday by beating Boston for the fifth straight time. The score was 13-5, with the Indians unloading 22 hits against Bill Henry, Tom Herrin and Tom

Brewer. The game was the only action in the American League. In the National League's single contest, Chicago Cubs celebrated their escape from home—where they lost 10 out of the last 12—with a 6-5 verdict over the Pirates at Pittsburgh. Hank Sauer's 20th home run, with Ralph Kiner on base, gave the Cubs the deciding runs.

Major League Leaders

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AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	AB	R	H	Pct.
Avila, Cleveland	189	41	72	.381
Rosen, Cleveland	159	30	55	.346
House, Detroit	139	15	46	.331
Minoso, Chicago	215	48	70	.326
Fox, Chicago	226	47	73	.323
Runs—Minoso, 48.				
Runs batted in—Minoso, 53.				
Hits—Fox, 73.				
Doubles—Vernon, Washington, 15.				
Triples—Runnels, Washington, 10.				
Home runs—Rosen, 13.				
Stolen bases—Minoso, 4 and Rivera, 3.				
Pitching—Morgan, New York and Stone, Washington, 4-0—1,000.				
Strikeouts—Turley, Baltimore, 84.				

Spokane Trip May Be Last Into Canada

By The Canadian Press

The Spokane Indians headed into Canada Tuesday for what could be their last games in the Western International League while the fans at home studied ways and means of keeping the club in baseball's largest circuit.

The schedule sends the Indians to Edmonton and Calgary during the week of grace allowed by league directors Sunday. The directors, meeting to study plans to keep the financially harassed league alive, declared the Spokane franchise forfeited. However, they agreed to operate the club for a week while local fans worked on a program under which ownership would be transferred from Roy Hotchkiss.

The directors said if the community ownership plan fails, the league will be cut to nine teams. Hotchkiss, blaming the poor attendance that has plagued all teams of the loop and his own poor health, refused to continue operation of the club after Sunday. He set \$225,000 as the price for his holdings, but said he thought a lease could be worked out.

One hurdle was cleared Monday when the president of a rival club put up \$7,000 for back pay owed the Spokane players. Orin E. (Babe) Hollingbery, former Washington State College football coach who now is president of the Yakima Bears, gave a personal cheque to pay the players.

The Indians are scheduled to play three games at Edmonton, starting Tuesday night, and four at Calgary, before the deadline set by the league.

All clubs were idle Monday night. Rain washed out a scheduled Vancouver-Victoria game and an exhibition contest between Salem and Seattle of the Pacific Coast League.

Victoria will play a double-header at Vancouver Tuesday night. Lewiston will be at Calgary, Tri-City at Wenatchee and Salem at Yakima.

Seals Invade Hollywood For Series

By The Associated Press

Having just blown five of seven games to Oakland, the San Francisco Seals invaded Hollywood tonight for seven games with the Pacific Coast League leading Stars.

On paper, it would seem that San Francisco would be doing very well to win two against Hollywood, but baseball has its daily surprises.

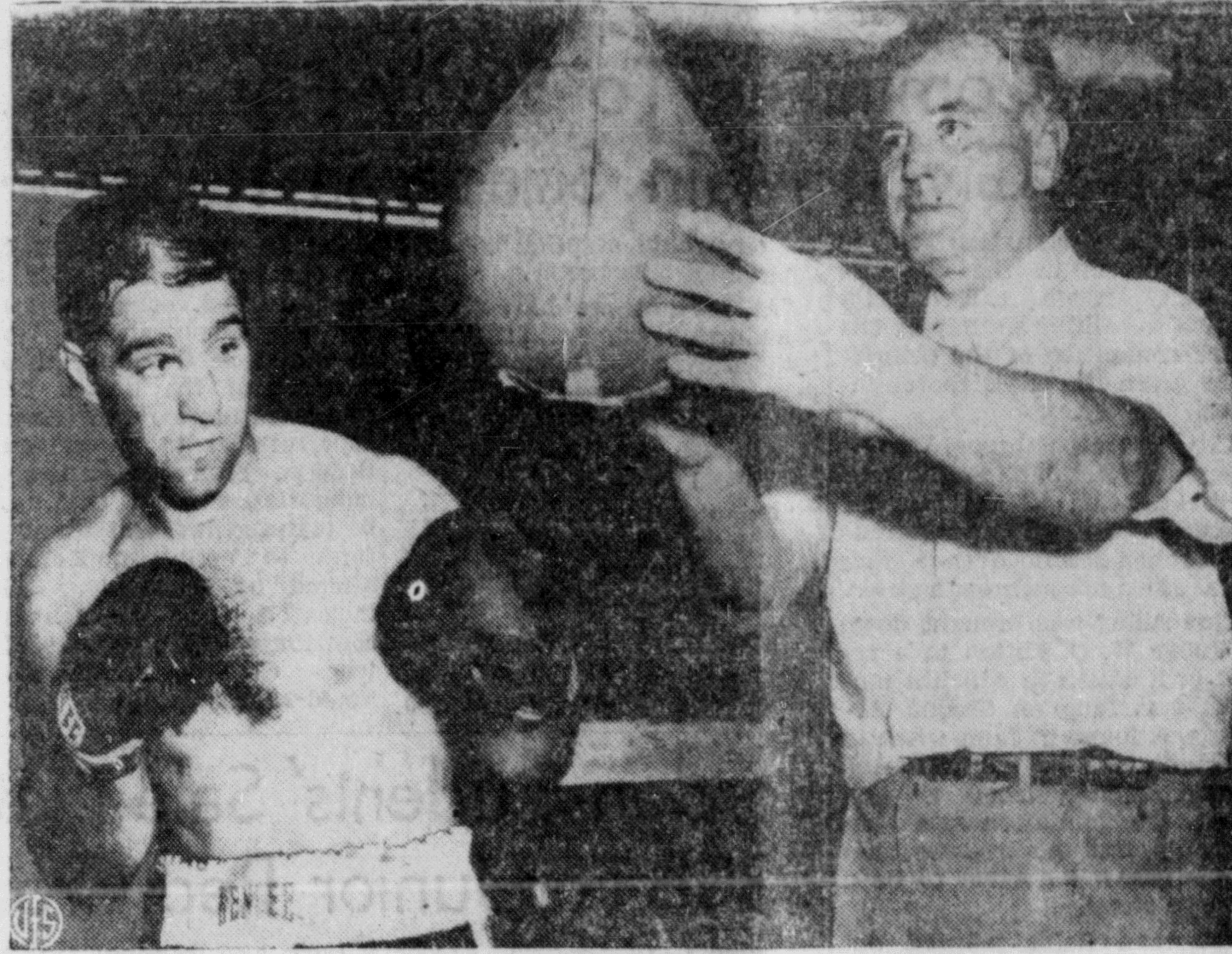
One of the top Hollywood players won't be in the lineup. Carlos Bernie, the speedy outfielder and base stealer, is on the bench indefinitely by order of PCL president Clarence Rowland. Bernie was fined \$50 Monday and suspended indefinitely for insulting some fans, who were booing him at Wrigley Field, and kicking Bud Hardin, Los Angeles shortstop.

President Rowland said Bernie's actions could have caused a riot.

Seattle, after a rough week in Portland during which the Rainiers lost five of six games to the cellar-dwelling Beavers, will try to find the winning formula at San Diego. And Portland will try to keep its win streak going at the expense of Sacramento.

Seattle manager Gerry Priddy named Bill Evans, who has won five and lost one for the Rainiers, to start against Bob Kerrigan, who has a seven and six record.

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SO THAT ROCKY MARCIANO (left) won't be left holding the bag defending his heavyweight title from Ezzard Charles, former heavyweight champ James J. Braddock pays a visit to Rocky's training headquarters at Grossinger, N.Y., to drop a few tips. Marciano will meet Charles in New York City on June 17.

Exclusive Club Visits Marciano's Camp; Finds Charles Chances Equal LaStarza's

By GAYLE TALBOT

GROSSINGER, N.Y. (AP)—Here at Rocky Marciano's training camp they held the first annual meeting of an exclusive little boxing club whose members are confined to those fearful experts who picked Roland LaStarza to defeat Rocky in their championship fight last fall.

Four of them chanced to be visiting the Marciano menage at the same hour, and no time was lost in calling the group together.

Nearly a year ago the four had predicted that LaStarza, the boxer, would outsmart the crude puncher, Marciano, for 15 rounds and win the decision.

"I still think it was a good pick," insisted one. "I had LaStarza well ahead on points until Rocky caught him in the 11th. I thought he was outboxing Rocky good."

"That's right," another agreed. "The only place we went wrong on Roland was not realizing he had gone stale . . . didn't you think he looked stale?"

"A GOOD AMATEUR" "Yeah, I thought so," put in a new voice, "but only after Rocky started hitting him in the belly towards the end. Those punches made him plety stale. This guy hits awful hard."

There ensued a discussion of LaStarza's merits as compared to those of Ezzard Charles, who is to sample the Marciano torpedoes Thursday night at Yankee Stadium. The membership agreed that Charles is a far fiercer challenger than Roland was.

"This guy's been around," pointed out the delegate from Chicago. "He can box and he can punch. Compared to him, La-

Starza was just a good amateur. "Correct . . . when Ez has one of his good nights and feels like fighting he's about as great a heavyweight as you'd want to see."

"Yeah," was the somewhat dubious assent, "but how can you be sure when the Gizzard's going to feel like fighting?"

"I think you can go to sleep on Ez fighting this time . . . He's as confident a fighter as I ever saw . . . If you want to know something, I don't think he expects to win easily."

"That's all right, up to a point. I mean, I like to see a fighter confident but not foolish. If Ez is thinking about wading in and exchanging punches with Rocky . . . he'll get his head knocked off."

"No, I don't think he intends to do anything like that . . . I'd say he means to stay away from Rocky and try to pile up points with his left, at least until Rocky begins to run down a little. Maybe he thinks he can cut Rocky up that way, get him bleeding."

"Sounds good, providing he doesn't let Rocky hit him. Maybe I'll pick the guy, at that. Can't look any worse than I did with LaStarza. Any of you fellows going to pick against the champ this time?"

The man looked around hopefully, for a little moral support. All he received were three emphatic shakes of the head. One had the gloomy feeling that the Marciano can be licked club was a dying organization.

Thornhill Qualifying Round Taken by Morris Wightman

The qualifying round for the men's club championship and the George Cook Trophy, played at Thornhill Golf Club Sunday was headed by Morris Wightman of Terrace with a course record of 63. Runner-up was "Bogie" Jim Bogle and consolation winner was Cliff Hamm.

The draw for play on or before June 20 follows:

Morris Wightman and George Gerrard; Oje Schultzik and Ernie Shave; Mel Peekvout and Parker Mills; Jerry Lemire and Horace Vance; Jim Bogle and Dick Wells; Bob Grabler and Fred Groome; Jim McConnell and Art Case; W. S. McPherson and Tom Speechly.

Taking part in the lower half draw are:

Hal Windt and Slim Hauser; Milt Alger and Dud Little; Babe Rougeau and Jerry Pettenuzzo; Verne Ciccone and Alf Rivett; Art Howe and Phil Cyr; Ab Hart and Gary Reum; Larry Larson

and Ken Earl; Jerry Groome and Francis Gavan; Ian McDonald and Harry Pedrini, and Cliff Hamm draws a bye.

Anyone not playing by the date set forfeits the match. Players from Prince Rupert wishing transportation to the Thornhill Course are asked to get in touch with George Gerrard.

LOUIS FINED NEW YORK (AP)—Joe Louis, former world heavyweight champion, Monday paid a \$300 fine for six unpaid traffic summonses. A warrant was issued for Louis May 20 after he failed to answer 20 notices.

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SPORTS ROUND-UP

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK (AP)—One has to assume that New York Giants had the record book before them when they outbid other clubs and landed Paul Giel, the University of Minnesota pitcher, with a \$60,000 bonus.

Yet, only one pitcher in the history of the game has made the jump direct from the campus to the big leagues and become a recognized star. That was Ted Lyons, who joined Chicago White Sox out of Baylor in 1923.

Plenty of others have made the grade after seasoning in the minors. Robin Roberts of the Phils, who starred for Michigan State, is a notable recent example of that. Any number of college infielders and outfielders have become immediate major league regulars, too.

Unless Giel is another Lyons—and the odds seem to be against it—the Giants are taking a terrific gamble. Under the bonus rule, they can't farm him out for at least two years. A friend of ours who sees much Big Ten baseball says its better terms probably play about Class "B" ball. That is a long way from pitching against big leaguers.

Al Weill, manager of Rocky Marciano, was patiently ticking off the numerous reasons why his puncher is a cinch to whip Ezzard Charles.

"Finally," Al said, "Rocky's got a terrific incentive to be the first man ever to beat three former world champions—Joe Louis, Joe Walcott and now

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