



STAR HURLER Billy Pierce of the Chicago White Sox lets his eight-week-old son Billy touch the baseball, in hopes that the lad will be influenced toward the kind of mound performance that has made his daddy famous on the diamond. The Chicago pitcher stands a good chance of hitting the 20-win mark this season.

With Furillo on Sidelines Trio Vies For Batting Title

By BEN PHLEGAR
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The final three games may determine a surprise National League batting champion while the potential winner sits in the dugout nursing an aching hand. The laurels probably will go to Carl Furillo, Brooklyn Dodgers' right fielder. Furillo hasn't played since he broke the little finger of his left hand in a free-for-all at the Polo Grounds Sept. 6. He ended his season with 165 hits in 479 times at bat, an average of .345.

But three other men still have a fighting chance. The three possibilities, in the order of their chances, are Red Schoendienst, the switch-hitting second-baseman of St. Louis Cardinals, Duke Snider, Furillo's centre field team-mate, and Stan Musial of the Cardinals, the defending champion and six-time batting king.

BIG JOB AHEAD
Here's what they would have to do to catch Furillo, figuring that each will get 12 more times at bat—a good standard figure of four times up in each of the last three games.

Ontario Loses \$2,000,000 Because of Ban

TORONTO (CP)—Ontario lost at least \$2,000,000 in 1953 because United States hunters were not allowed to take back home the deer and moose they killed in the province.

The ban, now lifted, was imposed by the U.S. authorities following an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Saskatchewan.

This year, with the outbreak ended, inquiries for deer hunting by American hunters have reached near-record numbers, Lands Minister Welland S. Gemmill said.

Figures released by his department showed that in 1951, when non-resident licences cost \$26, 10,400 of these were issued. In 1952, with the foot-and-mouth ban in force and licences costing \$30, the number issued dropped to a mere 870.

This year is expected to go well above the 1951 figure. Lost in that year, in addition to the licence fees, was the \$150 to \$200 that each U.S. hunter is estimated to spend during his stay in the province.

At \$200, the total loss to Ontario would come to \$2,291,900, including licence fees. Mr. Gemmill said his department looks for a larger number of American hunters coming into the province each year. There now are no restrictions on taking game back to the U.S. other than Ontario bag limits.

Russians Cinch To Win Olympics

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—A veteran newspaperman who has lived in Moscow most of the last 12 years asserts that Russia is a cinch to win the 1956 Olympic Games.

"I don't think we have a chance," said Eddy Gilmore, who returned home recently after a long stay as head of the Moscow bureau of the Associated Press. "The Russians began preparing for the 1956 games just as soon as they left Helsinki last year."

Marciano Still Champion As La Starza Bid Fails

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK (AP)—Roland LaStarza had the heart but Rocky Marciano had the guns and, today, still holds the heavyweight boxing championship of the world.

Few fighters have taken a more brutal beating than the ex-collegian from the Bronx absorbed in Thursday night's fight before referee Ruby Goldstein stopped it midway in the 11th round at the Polo Grounds. Outclassed and almost defenceless for the final four rounds, LaStarza had done all that could have been asked of him.

Today, just a year and two days since he pulverized Jersey Joe Walcott at Philadelphia to win the title, Marciano has no rival of real stature. The Brockton, Mass., slugger must be accepted as one of the great champions.

He proved Thursday night before an awe-struck crowd of 44,562 that there is nothing to hold him off once he starts moving forward and throwing punches. LaStarza tried. He fought back as long as it was physically possible and tried every stratagem he knew. He made it close for six rounds. Then the roof began caving in on him.

First Knockdown

Early in the 11th, Rocky rushed his bleeding rival against the ropes and with a lethal succession of left-right-left swings to the jaw slammed LaStarza to the canvas for the first knockdown of the fight. LaStarza rose on shaky legs well before the count of nine, but as Goldstein wiped his gloves clean it was evident that the challenger had made his bid and failed.

Again the Rock barreled in, apparently as fresh and relentless as he had been in the opening round. When it was evident that LaStarza could not defend himself, Goldstein stopped the fight. LaStarza stood, blood on his lips, and made no dissent.

For nearly four rounds before that Marciano had been in full charge. He had hurt LaStarza in the seventh when he slugged him into the ropes and for the last two minutes pounded the challenger almost without a return. Only LaStarza's fighting spirit enabled him to weather

the punishment. The eighth, ninth and 10th rounds followed much the same pattern, LaStarza was bleeding from a cut at the corner of his right eye which had been opened in the first round, and a cut on his nose added to the carnage.

Missed Swings

So anxious was Marciano to complete the kill that he missed a wild swing in the 10th and fell in LaStarza's corner. His handlers were in an uproar through the concluding rounds, yelling to the Rock to "keep him there" and "hit him in the belly, Rocky."

LaStarza will go into the big book only as a game boy who thought he could lick Marciano and learned the job was beyond him. But he gave the crowd which paid \$435,817 a few thrills before he was tagged.

On this score card they were even for the first six rounds—two for LaStarza, two for Marciano and two even. Referee Goldstein had it even, too, and the two judges gave the challenger an edge to that point, partly because Goldstein took the sixth round away from the champ for a low blow.

Looked Awkward

Eager to score a quick kill, Rocky was wild early in the going, missing many full right swings. LaStarza took advantage of the Rock's haste and jarred him with solid licks to the head and body. He made the champ look awkward in numerous clinches.

Even when LaStarza was piling up points, it was obvious he was doing no real damage. His best rights, landing flush, only made Rocky blink. There wasn't a mark on the champ when it was over.

Finally, at the end of six rounds, Rocky changed his tactics abruptly. He quit his swinging and began throwing hooks that exploded like bombs on LaStarza's jaw. Every one of them hurt. After that it was only a question of time.

Commission To Be Appointed For New Basketball Season

Entries for the 1953-54 basketball season will be accepted from now on at the Civic Centre, executive of the Prince Rupert Basketball association decided at a meeting last night.

Names and teams for junior, intermediate and senior play are expected as soon as possible chairman Art Murray, stated. Jack Marchant was secretary for the meeting. Early entries are also anticipated from any girls teams.

Major decision of the association came when it was decided to change the present constitution to include a five man commission which will replace the present executive. The commission will take over the duties of the executive and will be the appeal board for all disputes during the season.

On the commission will be one representative for the Civic Centre, one from the High School and three members at large. The commission will be appointed at the general meeting to be held one month after the date of acceptance of the revised constitution.

The meeting was told that Columbia Cellulose Company 300 Club has been fortunate in acquiring the services of Ralph (Pop) Pay, former Senior A basketball star from Vancouver. The CCC coach has been connected with basketball since 1936 and played for the Vancouver Province Aces, North Western Luekies, Eagletime and Arctic Clubs. A veteran of the Second World War, Pay played in the RCAF with noted cagers Porky Andrews of Port Alberni and Norm Baker of Victoria. For the last two years Pay has been a member of the Vancouver basketball association and coach of the Arctic club cagers.

The basketball association will meet again Tuesday to approve the change in the constitution. The meeting also passed a vote of thanks to the press for the coverage given the basketball games last season.

Remember When

Brooklyn Dodgers, who have just won the National League pennant, 12 years ago today won their first flag in a 21-year stretch. The Dodgers first took the league championship in 1916, and again in 1920, 1941, 1947, 1949, 1952 and again this year. The 1941 flag was cinched when Whitlow Wyatt shut out Boston on five hits, but the Brooks have yet to win a world series.

NATIVE SPORTSMEN
DURBAN, South Africa (CP)—Natives are the keenest racers of any racial group here. The Durban Turf Club reported 155,000 natives attended the Greyville track during the summer and wagered about one-seventh of the entire betting total.



ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD David Crafts (right) proudly holds onto a fin of the 542-pound marlin he hooked in Hawaiian waters. The boy fought it for two hours, and four others, including brother Bryan (left), 14, landed it after another 5½ hours. Bryan boated a 226-pound marlin, which would have made it a good day for the party even without the younger brother's catch. David also landed a 40-pound one and a 40-pound mahimahi, which he probably won't get a chance to mention when telling his story to friends at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Salmonacs Bring Boxla Title Back to West Despite Illness

TORONTO (CP)—The Minto Cup found a new home last night. New Westminster Salmonacs captured the Canadian junior lacrosse trophy from the East, where it has been for three years.

The Salmonacs won with a decisive 14-8 victory over Long Branch Monarchs, eastern junior champions, in the suburban Mimico lacrosse bowl.

A capacity crowd of 1,400 saw the Salmonacs break loose with a seven-goal uprising in the fourth quarter to turn the seesaw battle into a runaway. The victory gave New Westminster a 3-2 edge in games in the best-of-five series.

New Westminster won the opener 16-14 in overtime and stretched their season's winning streak to 27 with a 14-10 victory in the second game of the final. Then the Monarchs won the third game 16-6 and forced the series to the limit with an 8-7 decision in the fourth.

The determined Salmonacs gave Long Branch a 2-0 jump early in the game Thursday night but recovered to take a 3-2 lead at the end of the first quarter. Long Branch never again got the jump on New Westminster.

In 11 years of fighting for the Minto Cup, the west has won it three times. All winners were British Columbia teams and two of their championships were decided on eastern grounds. British Columbia won the last title in 1949. Last year's winners, Ontario's Brampton Excelsiors, this year were eliminated by Long Branch in the semi-finals.

Salmonacs' goaltender, Ron Delmonico was their ace. In four of the five games he turned away more drives than his rival netminder, Porky Russell.

Salmonacs had to fight the breaks for the title. Arriving in the East with a clean slate of 25 successive victories, they won two more and then were stricken by food poisoning just before their first loss last Friday.

The fourth game was postponed twice. They shook off the illness, but while practising for the game were weakened when key forward Barry Pfaff injured his ankle and missed that game.

The playing field also was strange to the westerners. New Westminster had previous played on wooden or concrete floors. The Canadian final was held in an open air arena on an earthen floor.

But the Salmonacs had no beef. "It was worth it," coach Truck MacDonald grinned after the final game.

Soccer Final Slated Sunday
Third game in the Prince Rupert Football association finals will be played Sunday, weather permitting, with Heavy Battery facing CYO in the best out of five series.

CYO presently has the edge in the series having beaten Battery 4-2 in the second game. The first game was a 2-2 tie.

LAST NIGHT'S FIGHTS
DETROIT—Bob Ames, 174½, Detroit, outpointed Arthur Wright, 171½, Detroit, 10.

NEWARK, N.J.—Bob Fenty, 132½, New York, outpointed George Collins, 132½, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 8.

LIVERPOOL, England—Wally Thom, London, outpointed Peter Fallon, London, 15, for British welterweight title.

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Rangers Swamp Canucks 6-1
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