

Tonight's Fight Big One For Cockell, Matthews

LONDON (AP)—American heavyweight Harry Matthews tackles British champion Don Cockell in a 10-rounder tonight with a possible world championship fight the rich prize dangling before the winner.

That's the way British sports-writers, promoter Jack Solomons and Jack Hurley, Matthews' manager, see the big fight which goes on about 10 p.m. 5 p.m. EDT at London's outdoor 54,000-seat White City Stadium.

"The outcome of this fight will elevate the victor into such prominence that he cannot possibly be denied the right to style himself a logical contender for the world championship," comments the widely-read Boxing News.

COCKELL THIRD

Ring Magazine rates Cockell third among the world contenders. The tubby British champion jumped into that spot after he defeated Roland LaStarza in London March 30.

The British slugger is a 7-to-4 favorite for the fight—and that worries him. "They'll expect too much," said Cockell. "I'm happier when they call me the underdog. It makes me more determined to go in and win."

The kid from Seattle isn't worried about being the underdog. "I've been boxing too long to let that worry me," Matthews said. "I'm perfectly fit and full of confidence."

The American wound up his training Monday with two miles of roadwork and is down to his best fighting weight of 180 pounds.

Cockell, who is more interested in farming than professional boxing, ended his training at the south coast resort of Eastbourne—the same training camp he used for the LaStarza fight.

The 210-pound Cockell used his 30-pound weight advantage to wear down Matthews in their clash last August in Seattle and is counting on similar tactics in tonight's return bout.

Promotor Solomons said he expects a crowd of 50,000 "if we get good weather."

Double Wins Boost Indians In WIL Race

The Spokane Indians reaped the most benefits from Memorial Day doubleheaders in the Western International Baseball League Monday.

While other teams split, Spokane beat Salem 6-5 and 14-6 and vaulted over Tri-City into sixth place in the standings.

Tri-City whipped Lewiston 4-2 in the nightcap of a twin bill after bowing 13-4 in the opener. Yakima clipped Wenatchee 9-2, then took a 12-6 drubbing.

Rain idled Vancouver at Edmonton and Victoria at Calgary.

It took Spokane 10 innings to subdue Salem in the opener in the Senators' home park. Bob Donkersley tripled home the winning run in the top of the 10th. The Indians reached three Salem pitchers for 18 hits in the nightcap. Dick Aubertin and John Trautwein teamed in a six-hit effort for the winners. The double loss dropped Salem into ninth place.

At Yakima, the Bears pounded out six straight singles in the sixth inning of the first game producing four runs that led the game. Wenatchee had two big innings in winning the after-piece. The Chiefs combed four singles, a double and a walk for five runs in the second and added five in the sixth on a double, a single, two walks and Tony Munoz' grand slam homer.

The Lewiston Brones scored nine runs in the first inning and coasted to their first-game victory over Tri-City. In the nightcap, Dale Bloom won a pitcher's battle with Grumpy Guy Fletcher, former Pacific Coast League ace. Bloom gave up seven hits and Fletcher nine as Tri-City evened the series at a win apiece.

Seals Climb To Top Spot

San Francisco's Seals are the sensation of the Pacific Coast League, a distinction ably earned by soaring from the cellar to second place in three weeks.

They arrived Monday by way of a double win over Portland, 7-0 and 16-1, before nearly 20,000 fans who poured into Seals Stadium to welcome the team home. They had won 18 of their last 22 games.

The two additional victories over Portland put them 5 1/2 games behind the league-leading Hollywood Stars and bumped Oakland into third place.

San Diego and Sacramento advanced to fourth place, which they share, the Padres conquering Oakland 6-4 and 2-1 and the Solons edging Hollywood 1-0 and 3-2.

In Seattle the rain held off long enough for the Rainiers to win the opener, 3-1, from Los Angeles, but the second game was called after half an inning.

Remember When
By The Canadian Press
Lou Gehrig, then 21, took over at first base for New York Yankees 29 years ago today to begin his "iron man" record in modern baseball. In 14 years after 1925 Lou played in 2,130 consecutive games for the Yankees. He died in 1941.



"BONUS BABIES" on the Detroit Tigers make it hard to separate the players from the bat boys. There's scant age difference between the three "bonus babies" and bat boys Francis McGarry, 16 (second from left), a high-school student, and John Robb, 19 (second from right), also a student. A year ago infielder Reno Bertoia, 19 (left), was a college freshman, and outfielder Al Kline, 19 (centre), and pitcher Bob Miller, 18 (right), were still in high school.

Kinsmen Hurlers Fail To Halt Rampaging North Star Hitters

It was a case of "two little, two blue" last night at Algoma Park as the Kinsmen went down under a 20-5 spanking by North Star in Little League Baseball.

Kinsmen were down 4-0 at the end of the third when they pulled their starting pitcher Richard Hebb for Jim Roberts. Roberts, however, got himself into a hole from which he never managed to get out. Two innings saw the North Stars pile up another 15 runs and although Ken Murray managed to hold them hitless and runless in the final frame, it was then too late.

Although the insmen did lead the bases several times it was

only in the fifth that anything happened. That was on a homer by Johnny Olsen with two mates aboard. Doug Turner also scored in the same inning when he walked and Vogran knocked him home on a single. The only other run came in the sixth when Teddy Holder slugged out through the hole between first and second for three bags and came home on a single clout by Adams.

North Star got their runs on 12 walks, 12 hits, 2 men hit by pitchers, and 6 errors.

The win could best be divided between starter Ray Oakley and Ted Crevless who relieved him, while the loss is charged to Dick Hebb, Kinsmen starter.

Softball Fixture Set Tonight

A four-team girls softball league gets underway tonight at Gyro Park, Sheila Hicks, Booth Memorial High school girls physical ed teacher announced today.

The teams, made up mostly of high school girls are reinforced with teachers and a few outside players.

First game tonight, slated for 7 p.m. will see the Rainbirds, captained by Sue Martin take on a Grade 12 team skippered by Joan Grimble. Umpiring chores will be carried out by high school boys.

Miss Henchard said that it is planned to stage the games twice weekly, on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. If the league is granted Gyro Park by the Parks board, A schedule will be announced later.

Los Angeles — Dickie Wong, 138 1/2, Honolulu, outpointed Don Jordan, 137 1/2, Los Angeles (10).

Montreal — Paolo Melis, 150 1/2, Italy, stopped Emerson Butcher, 146, Rock Island, Ill. (6).

Bosox Only Club To Sweep Twin Bill Yankees Manage Split With Senators

By BEN PHILEGAR
Associated Press Sports Writer

The next 30 days should decide the fate of Boston in the 1954 American League race. Will the Red Sox bloom in June or are they doomed to second division?

After a horrible spring of injuries and bad weather which forced Lou Coudreau to go with a make-do line-up that didn't, the new month finds the Red Sox settling in for an 13-game home stand in friendly Fenway Park.

They own a three-game winning streak for the first time this season. They've had droute-going performances from their pitchers in two of their last three contests. And Ted Williams apparently is ready to start busting out all over.

Boston was the only club in either league to sweep a Memorial Day doubleheader Monday, and the Sox did it in high style. They buried Philadelphia's 20-10 in the highest-scoring display of the league season, then topped up 9-0 in the nightcap.

GAME AHEAD

Cleveland Indians stayed in game ahead of Chicago in first place by whipping the White Sox 6-3 on Jim Hezan's eighth-inning home run after losing the opener 6-4 as Bob Keegan posted his seventh victory in eight decisions.

The Washington Senators, who have New York Yankees more trouble than an investigating committee, beat the world champions 1-0 on Johnny Schmitz' three-hitter, and pushed the second game into extra innings before bowing 7-6 in 10 as Bob Shave forced home the winning run with a bases-loaded walk.

Detroit rallied in the ninth for a 7-5 victory at Baltimore, then lost 4-2 to the Orioles.

In the National League, rain cut short the holiday festivities, washing out Cincinnati's doubleheader with the first-place Milwaukee Braves and cutting the Chicago-St. Louis twin bill to a single seven-inning contest won by the Cubs 14-4 on six home runs, two by Hank Sauer.

Brooklyn bested Philadelphia's Phils 5-4 on Gil Hodges' 12th-inning home run in a six-game, Pittsburgh split with New York Giants, winning 4-3 after losing on three hits to Ruben Gomez, 4-0.

The only significant shift in the standings came in the American League. Boston moved from seventh to sixth and Baltimore from eighth to seventh as Philadelphia dropped to last.

BIG DAY

The Red Sox's big day included 27 hits, five of them home runs. Milt Bolling hit two. Williams, Jim Piersall and Harry Azariis got one each. Williams also got a double and a single in six official times at bat. Alief Muneer had two hits in 4 1/3 innings.

Bill Henry scattered seven hits in second-game shutout, his third complete game of the year. Boston pitchers have a total of nine complete games.

A bunt, an error, an infield out and Mickey Vernon's single produced the one run Washington needed to beat New York in the opener. Casey Stengel argued that the bunt hit batter Eddie Yost's cap and got tossed out of the game.

Brooklyn — Jackie Labau, 160 1/2, East Meadows, N.Y., outpointed Jacques Royer, 163, France (10).

Last Night's Fights

New York — Lulu Perez, 127 Brooklyn, outpointed Mickey Mars, 127, Cleveland (10).

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Rainy Outlook Boosts Chances Of Blue Sail

LONDON — A prediction of widespread showers today enhanced the Derby prospects of Canadian-owned Blue Sail and scrambled predictions of the outcome of Wednesday's first-racing classic at Epsom Downs.

The Irish-bred three-year-old owned by Max Bell and Frank McMahon of Calgary, quoted at 20 to 1 in Monday night's call-over, likes soft track. So does Rowston Manor, a colt named after a house and nearly as big as one, which just lost the favorite's position to Darius on the strength of the latter's victory in the Two Thousand Guineas.

The switch occurred in the latest call-over, which quoted Darius at 9 to 2 as against Rowston Manor's 13 to 2. That was before the predictions of rain.

RESIST BLUE SAIL

There was still some betting resistance to Blue Sail based on jockey Johnny Longden's unfamiliarity with the sharp turns and uphill stretches of the tricky Epsom track. But the colt is known as a standout stayer and the Derby distance is 1 1/2 miles.

Longden, most prolific winner on U.S. tracks, won't face Sir Gordon Richards, the only man in the world who has booted more winners home. Sir Gordon had to give up his mount on the Queen's colt, Landau, which promptly rose to 9 to 1 in the call-over.

Longden, whose monkey-on-a-stick style of riding has British turf writers gasping, galloped his Derby mount, Blue Sail, at Epsom Downs today and pronounced himself "satisfied."

"I like the course," said Longden on dismounting. "I think we've got a good chance tomorrow."

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Top Hurling, Fielding Seen As Gyros Rally To Win 5-2

Heads up hurling and fine fielding were combined to give Gyros a 5-2 victory over Moose in a Pony League fixture last night at Roosevelt Park.

Right hander Walter Oskie's chances for a no-hitter were spoiled in the second by his brother Bob who bloomed one into short right field for a single. This one safety scored W. Anderson. Moose left fielder who had walked and stolen second. Bob Oskie went on to second when right fielder J. Johnson muffed the pickup and around to third on the throw-in. He scored on T. Halverson's ground-out to second.

Walt Oskie clamped the lid on the Moose team from then on retiring the next two men to end the inning, and taking out the next nine men in order, five of them by the strike-out method. Southpaw Wesley Kelly of the Gyro squad, who was put in for the top of the sixth, also turned in a fine performance, striking out the first two batters and causing right fielder R. Irvine to fly out to third baseman Max Fleming.

The Gyro infield showed hustle that would credit a more senior league. Excellent pickups and throws were registered by third baseman L. Hewitt. Hewitt also accounted for two outs by snagging difficult catches, and first baseman L. Girbov made the play of the evening when he took J. Lozick's high fly ball on the run near the Moose dugout.

Gyros five runs came on three hits, one error and three passed balls, one of which allowed a run to score and another that allowed a runner a life at first. Gyros scored once in the first when leadoff batter Billy Smith walked, went to second on B. Kelsey's single and came in to score

while Moose were busy tagging out Kelsey at second after Fleming hit to right field.

Big Gyro inning, which saw four runs scored, was the fourth. T. Lindstrom walked, Hewitt singled and Girbov got on when catcher T. Halverson let a third strike get past and Lindstrom scored. Walt Oskie got on with a feeder's choice which scored Hewitt. Smith singled, seeing Girbov an advancing Oskie who came in and beat the play at the plate when Halverson dropped the ball.

Oskie gave up two runs on one hit, two walks and he struck out seven. Halverson gave up five runs, three hits, three bases on balls and struck out nine.

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