

Maritime Olympic Trials Boxing Tourney

LEO DUROCHER'S PERFORMANCE IS SPECTACULAR THIS YEAR

NEW YORK, June 11—Here it is! June and Lippy Leo Durocher is sporting the highest batting average among the National League shortstops, .328. If he can approximate his present pace for the next month or so he will win an all-star berth hands down. This is undoubtedly his best start since he broke into baseball and as a reward Manager Frisch has elevated him from eighth place in the Cards' batting order to sixth.

They used to call Durocher the All-America out. Up until last season, when he hit .265 and drove out eight home runs and twenty-three doubles, there was no one to say he wasn't the All-America out. His average with the Yanks, and then the Reds and Cards hovered around the .250 mark and his safeties were of the feeblest sort, even in the days of the jack rabbit ball.

Today, at 30, he is an asset to the Cards both at the bat and in the field. Just as no one had any doubt of his weak batting, so also no one questioned his splendid defensive ability. In his nine years of big league baseball, Leo has probably committed fewer errors than any other regular shortstop over the same span. He was first in that respect last season, and during the present campaign his

fielding has improved along with his batting.

In his first thirty-six games Durocher has been charged with only four errors while handling 180 chances for an average of .978. This is the mark Jim Cooney of the Phillies had when he set a new fielding record for a shortstop in 1927. While Durocher is fast moving to his right or left for a ground ball, it is his accurate pegging that makes his slate so free of errors.

Reds Gamble on Hallahan
Sometimes a ball club has to forget its future policy and look to the present. That is what the Cincinnati Reds did when they plunged into their money bag and came up with Bill Hallahan, veteran Cardinal southpaw. Wild Bill doesn't fit well into the Redlanders' youth and speed policy, but Manager Dessen's pitchers have been erratic, for the most part, causing the club to gamble on Hallahan.

In a league where only three games now separate the last place Phillies from the third-place Pirates, it is easily conceivable that one more winning pitcher may make a big difference in the final standings. Hallahan, who is going on 33, is no longer the outstanding pitcher he once was. His fast ball has lost its hop, and every once in a while he complains of

an ailing arm. But he still has his good days, and they generally come with more frequency, in the last half of the race. Last season his start was as shaky as it has been this year, yet he wound up with fifteen victories and only six losses.

For the Reds, Paul Derringer and Al Hollingsworth have been the only two pitchers to display any reliability this season. Together they have won more than half of the Reds' nineteen victories. Dessen needed another experienced hurler to share the pitching burden, and so purchased Hallahan who, ironically enough, had been lambasted by the Reds for seven hits in two and two-thirds innings of relief pitching on Memorial day.

So, with Wild Bill gone from the Gas House gang, Dizzy Dean's spring song, "Me, Paul and Parmelee," rings truer than ever. It will be the Deans and the former Giant on whom the Cards' pennant hopes ride from now on, with Rookie Jim Winford as the likely fourth starter.

Scarsella for First Base

Another change which Dessen has made in an effort to bolster the Reds was to recall Leslie Scarsella from Toronto and install him as the regular first baseman in place of George McQuinn now back in the minors. Dessen gave the fancy fielding McQuinn every chance to make the grade but the slender first baseman could hit only slightly above the .200 mark, a fault especially glaring in view of the impressive batting feats of rival first basemen.

In Scarsella, the Reds have a California youth of Italian parentage whose big bat has played a steady hand since the start of the campaign. When he was recalled his batting mark was up around .380 and he was threatening to climb up to .400. He is also a good fielder, while his speed carried him to the stolen base championship in the Piedmont League of last season. Scarsella packs dynamite as a winter occupation.

To Be Held at Forum on July 2 and 3 — Under Patronage of Premier and Lieutenant - Governor — F'ton Entries in Boxing Meet.

SAINT JOHN, June 12—The Maritime Olympic boxing trials and the Maritime boxing championships here at The Forum on July 2 and 3 will be under the patronage of the Premier of New Brunswick, Hon. A. A. Dymally, and the Mayor of Saint John, D. L. MacLaren.

This was announced last night by H. J. Sullivan, chairman of the Saint John Boxing Commission, and general chairman for the trials, who personally interviewed the premier in Fredericton last night and later contacted Mayor MacLaren.

Both agreed to lend their patronage to the big affair which is expected to attract the finest array of boxing talent the fans in this city have ever witnessed.

Both the premier and Mayor MacLaren are boxing enthusiasts and in their younger days both were aspirants to titles in the amateur boxing wars.

While in Fredericton Mr. Sullivan also interviewed W. W. Laskey, boxing instructor at the University of New Brunswick who has three Fredericton amateurs ready to enter the trials.

These are Dallas Laskey who will hit the scales in the lightweight division; Alex. McLeod, who was champion last year in the welterweight or 147-pound class, and Joe Harris, a colored scrapper, who can give the best of them a go and who will fight in the middleweight or 160-pound division.

Mr. Laskey also told Mr. Sullivan that he had lined up Carmen Glenn of Minto, a fast, clever boxer, who will take on opponents in the 135-pound class.

CANADIAN HEAVY CHAMP HAS OPERATION

NEW YORK, June 11—Canada's chances of gaining major points in the heavyweight boxing division at the Olympic Games at Berlin this summer appear to have been blasted today by a nose injury, suffered by Murray Patrick, 20-year-old master of the short arm smash to the chin.

The Dominion's all-round athletic marvel of Montreal has been ordered by specialists to refrain from ring activities and to prepare to undergo the surgeon's knife to correct the nasal ailment. The operation will be performed here within a few days if Lester Patrick, vice-president and manager of New York Rangers, grants parental consent from his summer home in Victoria, B. C.

Verdict of the specialists proved a more severe jolt to the handsome young Montrealer with the wicked fists than any the basketball, hockey and track star has received in athletic combat. He has been forced to cancel all summer activities, which included his cherished ambition to compete in the Canadian Olympic boxing trials at Montreal next month and, if successful, carry on to win the Olympic heavyweight crown for the Maple Leaf.

LOUIS SLOWS UP AGAINST SPAR PARTNERS

LAKEWOOD, N. J., June 11—The evident holding in check of Joe Louis in training here is due to an intention of his handlers to have him weigh in for the bout with Max Schmeling at not less than 200 pounds in his month's work to date he has taken off twenty pounds, and he is now down to 198 or 199.

"When Joe went up to Lafayetteville to get into shape," said Jack Blackburn, "the boy scaled around 218. He has already got himself a pound or two under the 200 or 201 at which we aim to have him weigh in, and with more than two weeks to go to June 18, the date of the fight, we can't start sharpening his punch too quickly.

"There is nothing to worry about just because Joe ain't popping 'em over as per usual. We can't let him step on it yet for the simple reason if we let him go out and knock over sparring partners in a punch, why, how much ring work do you think Joe would get out of a day's boxing? Not enough to make up for the half year he had been away from throwing leather."

"Kit Klein Now a Pro.

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 11—"Kit" Klein, world's woman speed skating champion, has announced through her business manager, Dick Fischer, that she has turned professional.

Fischer said Miss Klein, who went to Europe last winter and won her world's title in addition to several European titles would go to New York to take a screen test.

He said Miss Klein is now in Chicago.

Around the Big League Circuit

National League
At Chicago— R. H. E.
Boston 4 7 1
Chicago 6 10 1
Batteries—Benge, Chaplin and Lopez; W. Lea and O'Dea.

At St. Louis— R. H. E.
Philadelphia 12 13 3
St. Louis 4 13 5
Batteries—Jorgens, Passeau and Grace; Winford, Munns, Cox and Davis.

New York at Pittsburgh (postponed, rain).

At Cincinnati— R. H. E.
Brooklyn 3 13 0
Cincinnati 4 12 1
Batteries—Baker and Berres; Hollingsworth, Derringer and Campbell.

American League
At Washington— R. H. E.
Chicago 0 2 1
Washington 2 9 1
Batteries—Cain, Phelps and Grube, Shea; Deshong and Bolton.

At Philadelphia— R. H. E.
Cleveland 2 5 0
Philadelphia 5 11 0
Batteries—Harder and Sullivan; Kelley and Hayes.

At New York— R. H. E.
Detroit 9 10 1
New York 10 14 1
Batteries—Rowe, Lawson and Reiber; Pearson, Hadley, Kleinhaus, Malone and Jorgens.

At Boston— R. H. E.
St. Louis 5 9 1
Boston 7 11 0
Batteries—Thomas, Andrews and Giuliani; Henry, Wilson and R. Ferrell.

Dempsey Can't See Schmeling Alongside Joe

NEW YORK, June 11—Jack Dempsey, who is still idolized by the boxing fraternity, has no hesitation in predicting that Max Schmeling won't linger long in the bout against Joe Louis on June 18. Schmeling can't possibly beat the "Brown Bomber" because he hasn't anything to beat him with.

Of course, it didn't require any outstanding mental ability on the part of the 'Manassa Mauler' to place Louis as 'head and shoulders' above the German mitt-wielder, who was knocked out by Max Baer, and who previous to that upset had won the heavyweight title from Jack Sharkey while lying on the floor.

It is recalled that Dempsey had declared that Baer would defeat Louis, and that he was disgusted when his protegee bowed in abject surrender to the colored slugger. On that eventful occasion Dempsey saw a man frightened out of his wits, and another who had been underrated, especially by Dempsey.

It may be worth while noting that the "Old Mauler" isn't very confident that the "White Hope" tournaments will produce a heavyweight of championship calibre, but he does think that these shows are reviving interest in the sport because of the enthusiasm displayed by the competitors.

HIS BIG BKOTHER

NORTH BERGEN, N. J., June 11—That rookie patrolman who looks like the heavyweight boxing champion of the world, is James J. Braddock's big brother, Joe.

Officer Joseph Braddock was appointed by Director of Public Safety Leonard F. Marcy. He will start pounding a beat July 1.

The new policeman was the first of the Braddock family to take boxing seriously and friends credit him with interesting the champion in the sport. In 1921 Joe won the state middleweight title and the following year he annexed the state welterweight crown. He is 34, married, and has four children.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT IN NET GAME AS OTHERS

NEW YORK, June 11—If you have been following this series of tennis articles you must have noticed they urge practice. Yes, you say, but it's no fun to practice.

The answer is that all those you have been reading got where they are by practice. They even practice today.

Human nature being human nature, we all like to win. Consequently, and I'm talking now about the average player, when we get into a match we don't think about our strokes.

We only think of getting a ball over the net. Somehow, anyhow, so long as we win the point. The weak backhand! We protect it. We cover it up by standing far to the left of the court or even running round the ball. You know how it is.

As a rule, practice is quite impossible in match play where we protect our weak point and seek the other man's weak point. But practice is necessary if anyone is to get better, and practice can be made good fun.

After you've read carefully the descriptions by Wilmer Allison and the rest of these strokes, take a friend and go on court. Hit the ball across from forehand corner to forehand corner. Keep score as in tennis.

Every time you hit out or into the net, lose the point. Only remember, the shot must be made in the same direction each time, across court to your adversary's forehand.

Then try this with your backhand. Then go straight down the line on both backhand and forehand. Change strokes every ten minutes so the game doesn't get tiresome.

This idea can be worked out for ground strokes, service, or volley. Another good idea is to play a game inside the service lines of the court. Serve underhand to start, and then keep the ball in play inside the service lines until you or your opponent hits out or into the net. This develops footwork, quick reflexes, and is first class volleying practice as well.

SWISS COLONEL DIES

BERNE, June 11—Colonel/Corps Commander Henri Roost, chief of the Swiss general staff, died here yesterday after a long illness. He was 64.



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