



# SPORTS NEWS AND FEATURES



## MR. BURCHARD BECOMES BIT PROVOKED AFTER PREDICTION IS MADE ON FRIDAY'S BOUT

### Claims He Can Easily Smear Farrell In Short Order

The Michigan Wildcat Don Burchard walked into the sports department of the Age yesterday in the wildest fashion with the snarl of a wildcat on his face and says "Who in hell is the handicapper on these fights around here what's makin' this guy Farrell a favorite to lick me."

#### GETS SORTA PEEVISH

"Didn't Art Palmer shellac this Farrell guy in Ely a couple of months ago?" "Yes," your correspondent answered, "but what has that got to do with your coming fight with the Farrell boy?"

"Say, Mr. Sports Writer, I beat that Art Palmer guy all over a Detroit ring then I gave him a real match at Flint, Michigan, and beat that bloke worse than I did in Detroit."

"I told George Burns, the local promoter, when he made the match with me and Farrell, I didn't care if he weighed a ton. He will just make that much more noise when he rattles the boards Friday night. 'Farrell ain't goin' to flatten me, but I am going to hit him so hard and so often he will think my punches are coming out of a bucket.'"

"I have kayoed better boys than Farrell ever boxed." The writer tried to explain that Farrell was just as confident as he was of winning Friday night's main event.

And with a grin across Don's face he left the office with a good-bye, saying "I hope you are at the ring-side Friday."

"Yes, we will be there and we wouldn't miss this natural because it promises to be one of the greatest fights ever staged in Vegas."

#### JUST AS CONFIDENT

Johnny Brown, the Boulder dam boy, is just as confident of beating Indian Johnny Smith in the six-round semi-final as Burchard is of defeating Farrell.

Johnny Smith has been training here in the city for his coming bout with Brown and says he will box Brown's ears off and win in a walk.

Stonewall Jackson is favored over Battling Siki in the special event. Two good four-rounders complete the card.

## FLEET MOVES FOR 'BATTLE'

DAYTON, O., May 12. (AP)—Girded for battle, air and sea forces of the United States were on the move tonight for a war against an unseen enemy.

While 650 planes from the army air corps were winging their way toward this aviation center for a concentrated defense of the industrial centers of the east and middle-west, the Pacific coast battle fleet, accompanied by pursuit and bombing planes from the carriers Saratoga and Lexington, were moving out for "battle" and gunnery practice.

ITALIANS FAVOR POLO  
ROME (AP)—Polo, under the patronage of the Duke of Spoleto, is fast becoming a popular sport in Italy; the first international match playing been conducted.

## ON THE SIDELINES

By BRIAN BELL

Baseball players of the Los Angeles club of the Pacific coast league suffer more injuries off the field than on.

The latest out-of-hours casualty is LeRoy Herrmann, right-handed pitcher, who came from Reading more Orioles last year, went out suddenly he suffered severe pain in the face, and an X-ray disclosed a broken jaw.

A few days before Vince Barton another player from the Cubs, who played the outfield for the Baltimore Orioles last year, went out on his back porch to bring in the morning's milk. He slipped and cut his hand severely on the cat's plate. The wierd mishap kept Barton out of the game for several days.

#### PENALIZING A FOUL

In the championship play-off last autumn, between Los Angeles and Hollywood, a Los Angeles player, Wes Schumlerich, now with the Boston Browns, hit a high foul into an automobile parking space. After the game he found a hole in the top of his car and the baseball he had fouled off resting on the seat.

Bill Rummier, now retired from baseball, was long hailed as the original hard luck player of the West. In 1929, playing with Hollywood, he injured his shoulder by chasing into a wall while chasing a long drive, had \$485 stolen from his locker, hit on the head and rendered unconscious while batting, placed his year's earnings in a bank and heard soon that the doors were closed.

Then on his way to Oakland to start the 1930 season he was the victim of a nightmare on the train stuck his foot through a Pullman car window and suffered lacerations severe enough to keep him out of the game.

#### FADING SPITTERS

Spitball pitchers are slowly fading out of the baseball picture. With less than half a dozen in the major leagues there are only a few more in the comparatively few minors where the delivery is permitted.

Frank Shellenback of the Hollywood club of the Pacific Coast league is the most consistent winner among the moist flingers. He won 26 games in 1929, 19 in 1930 and started the 1931 season with a rush.

The only other spitlers in the Pacific Coast league are Ray Keating of Portland and Al Gould of San Francisco. Keating has broken even in victories and defeats for the last two seasons, but Gould has not been so fortunate.

Buzz Arlet, who is doing some

## BATTALINO'S RECORD DISCOUNTS ODDS FAVORING LA BARBA IN BOUT

By EDWARD J. NEIL

(Associated Press Sports Writer)  
NEW YORK, May 13 (AP)—Pete Reilly, the power behind the featherweight throne, sat in Madison Square Garden one night watching Fidel LaBarba punch holes in a fighter the fistie world thought invincible, the flashy little Cuban negro, Kid Chocolate.

"There's one guy," he said, nodding at LaBarba, "that'll never get a shot at my champion."

Christopher (Bat) Battalino, from Hartford, Conn., is Reilly's champion, but something has happened to change Pete's mind. Bat is going to fight LaBarba for the 126-pound crown in the Garden Friday night.

Battalino is scarcely conceded a chance to stand off LaBarba, the chunky, body-battering Italian who quit the flyweight throne to go to Stanford university, came back general choice as the best bantamweight and now has a possible third crown in sight. Battalino wasn't conceded a chance, either, when he gave the Cuban bomb a shot at the featherweight title, but Bat fooled the wise ones and lathered Chocolate neatly.

The Hartford boy, boistered by bad hands throughout a career that first gained the spotlight when he took the 126-pound title from Andre Routsis, also Pete Reilly's fighter, is himself a body puncher of parts.

A rushing, mauling youngster, he has been beaten by several second-raters in over-weight matches, only to come back and win the struggles where the title was at stake.

Battalino has never faced a puncher of LaBarba's strength and aggressiveness, however, and it was generally believed that he never would as long as he held the featherweight crown. He would rather take on boxers where his forcing tactics given him an edge. LaBarba will probably enter the ring a 2 to 1 favorite, but wise ones will think carefully before laying odds. Pete Reilly makes few errors of judgment.

#### LOUISIANA TECH STAR

TOPS SCHOOL'S RECORDS  
RUSTON, La., (AP)—All track records at Louisiana Tech went toppling before the rushes of Gordon Weakley this year.

Ever since Weakley "chose to run" for Tech without ever having taken part in a track meet he has developed until this year he set a new point record for the college.

With 47 1/2 points to his credit, he has passed the old mark of 42 points set in 1927 by Marion Lowry of Lisbon.

Toby Owens, Miami, Fla., high school boy, pitched his team to victory five consecutive times in one week.

fancy hitting for the Phillies of the National league, was a spitball pitcher for Oakland in the Pacific Coast league until he was promoted to the majors, but injured his arm early in his career and did little pitching thereafter.

He worked in three games last year, although regularly assigned to the outfield. The big fellow, who waited a long time for his chance in the big time will not attempt any pitching for Manager Shotton.



FIDEL LA BARBA

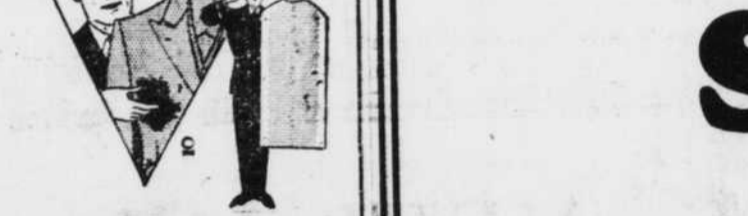
#### BAT BATTALINO

Fidel LaBarba and Bat Battalino meet for the featherweight title in New York Friday night. LaBarba, gunning for his third crown, will enter the ring a favorite. However, Battalino may fool the wise ones.

Travis T. Brown, Auburn, Ala., who entered the U. S. Military academy at West Point in 1930, is a member of the Army pebbe baseball team.

Claron "Lefty" Veller, Indiana university pitcher, averaged two strikeouts an inning in two successful games of five and seven innings.

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## VERSATILE MEL PLAYS ANYWHERE

They're still trying to find some position that Melvin Ott, the 22-year-old New York Giant "veteran" can't play.

After several years in right field the barrel-legged youngster has been shifted to center to make room for Freddie Lindstrom, and go and get the hard ones.

The funny part of it is that Ott was considered slow, even for a catcher, when he caught McGraw's eye back in 1924. He was 17 then and the star backstop for Gretna, La., High. But McGraw had a catcher, and the youngster spent his first season on the bench.

The next year McGraw decided he had an outfielder and Ott parolled the pastures in 35 games. He was slow—but how he hit that

ball! His mark for the year was 383, and he has never gone back behind the plate.

As he gained in experience, Ott also gained in speed. He still doesn't look like a sprinter, but he gets around the bases and covers the outfield.

In five years in the big show, he has compiled a batting average of .336.

#### DOLLY MADISON'S HOME

TO BE MADE INTO MUSEUM  
WASHINGTON, May 13. (AP)—An historic old house which once sheltered Dolly Madison soon will be made into a museum for the Colonial Dames of America.

The house was built in 1760, and after the burning of the White House by the British in 1812 Dolly Madison lived in it for a time. It lately has been occupied by Representative and Mrs. Charles A. Eaton of New Jersey.

The Pacific Coast league becomes a night baseball circuit during the summer months.

Gaius Shaver, a fullback for the University of Southern California football team in 1930, probably will play quarterback this fall.

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