

O'BRIEN AND SMITH GO TO HARD FOUGHT DRAW; LEGION ARENA PACKED

By **CORKY CAUKINS**

Bringing their ten round fight to a whirlwind finish before a packed and roaring house of Legion delegates and Las Vegas citizens, Irish Johnny Smith and Fighting O'Brien last night battled to what was probably the most popular draw decision ever made in this neck of the desert.

Last night on a card replete with fighting, and ably refereed by "Molly" Malone, the Smith-O'Brien battle started easily with both boys feeling each other out in the early rounds.

Smith, plainly trying to make short work of his dangerous foe, carried the fight almost from the start, but was worn down by O'Brien's wrestling tactics, evidently intended to tire the pugilist.

Johnny took a lacing of the better sort in the seventh, eighth and ninth rounds, when both boys were tiring badly, and O'Brien appeared to hold up better.

At the end of the next to the last heat, Johnny went out of the ring from a half showing punch, and took a nine-count rest, which seemed to help him stay in the fight after it looked as if the Irish-er had it in the bag.

The tenth round was the sensation of the whole card, however, for the Las Vegas Indian came back with a respite of strength and carried the fight to O'Brien to that gentleman's discomfiture for the whole three minutes. Neither fighter, however, backed up so that it could be noticed, and were still swinging everything but their old shoes when the bell rang. Referee Malone called it a draw without hesitancy, and both fighters got a great ovation when they left the ring.

The second main event, between George Gray and Eddie Wright, ended in the second round when a short right to the mid-rib sent Wright to the floor, and the fight went to Gray on a KO. However, there will always be a question as to whether the fight ended because of a knock-out blow, or the wallop Wright received on the back of the head when he hit the canvas. The first round of the fight started well, though neither boy could be expected to extend himself in the first round, with nine more coming up.

Earl Forgo earned a decision over Kayo "Portey" Davis, after chasing the elderly gentleman all over the ring through the entire fight.

Jack Lawrence and Dick Schwartz, fighting as slug-fests, put on another of those slug-fests so dear to the heart of fight fans, with Schwartz getting an unpopular decision.

Another slam-bang battle was the one between Louis Santa Cruz and Larry Simons. Simons carried the first round, but wilted when the going got tough, and lost the last three rounds of their four round battle. Santa Cruz, out of the ring for the past year, could have knocked the colorado fighter out in the third round if he had had the necessary stuff left. He won the decision handily on his superior punching ability, however.

A four round exhibition bout between two boys from Caliente raised the curtain, ended with a draw decision, after both of the gamely battling boys tried their best to put on a good show for the customers.

With a good handler in his corner, Carl Lee would probably have coped the nod over Ken Cox.

BEER DIVE IS RENO FEATURE AT GOLD DAYS

RENO, June 9.—The first high dive ever made into a tank of beer will be staged on July 23 during Reno's celebration of the 53rd anniversary of the discovery of gold in Nevada.

Bee Reynolds, sensational girl diver, will climb the ladder to the spring board high above the specially constructed tank and will leap lightly off into space before plunging down into the creamy foam and amber liquid. It is said to be the first time in history that such a stunt has ever been attempted in the United States.

It is one of the thrills planned by the Gold Rush Association for the Reno Auto Round-up and Gold Rush July 22, 23, and 24. Other features include a race of old cars from Pacific Coast cities to the divorce capital, airplane stunts, horse races, shows, and a beauty contest.

The tank which will hold the beer, has been specially constructed for the occasion. The beer has been donated by a noted brewer and will be chilled slightly before it is placed in the tank.

PERSONALS

MRS. BAKER HOME
Mrs. C. G. Baker and daughter returned yesterday from a short visit in Los Angeles.

SEWELL HERE
J. H. Sewell, of Sewell United Stores, is spending a few days here on business and attending the American Legion convention from Elko.

IS DELEGATE
P. N. Doudero, of the state engineer's office at Carson City, and a member of the American Legion post at Reno, is here as a delegate for the state convention.

MALONE HERE
George Malone, state engineer, and member of the American Legion of Reno, accompanied by his wife, are here on business and attending the state convention.

AUSTIN DELEGATE
L. R. McIntire, member of Post 27 of the American Legion at Austin, is here as a delegate to the state convention.

RETURN HOME
Lon, Clair and Bernal Stewart returned to their homes in Caliente and Alamo yesterday after a visit with their father, who is seriously ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Will Hieble.

FROM PICOHE
George Cox, mining man of Picoche, left yesterday for home after spending a few days here examining some mining property across the Colorado river.

MAGICIANS AT ROTARY LUNCH

Las Vegas Rotary club yesterday extended the hand of welcome to several visiting Rotarians from up-state and one of them was presented into service as master of ceremonies.

With entertainment in charge of C. P. Squires, Lou Meder of Carson City was introduced and after a few witty remarks introduced some of his companions, also delegates to the state convention of the Legion.

Those whom Meder presented to Rotary included Scott Harrington, Ted Withers, Grover Krick, "Doc" Piersall and H. S. McSherry and Earl Ross, all of Reno.

Following appropriate remarks by the visitors, two local magicians, E. B. Jones of Boulder City and Ben F. Wolf, Ange representative at Boulder City, presented a half hour of ledgerdom and illusions.

PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT COURT

Hon. Wm. E. Orr presiding.
Carl A. Jackson vs. Elizabeth Cuyler Jackson. Divorce. Decree entered. McNamee & McNamee, attorneys for plaintiff.
Tower Mercantile Corp. vs. Lloyd Foremaster, Marshall & Thruston, attorneys for plaintiff; Roland H. Wiley for defendant. Defendant given ten days to file briefs to amend, case continued without date.
Clarence James Emerson vs. Ann Emerson. Divorce. Decree entered. Fred S. Alward, attorney for plaintiff.
Hon. L. O. Hawkins presiding.
Boulder Lumber & Supply Co. vs. Black et al. Coburn & Wells for plaintiff; J. R. Lewis for defendant. Final arguments on case.

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LAS VEGAS AGE

Lighter Bats Improve Hitting In Majors, Says Giants' Star Slugger

By **JACK CUDDY**
United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, June 9. (U.P.)—Increased use of lighter bats this season has improved hitting in the major leagues, in the opinion of Melvin Thomas Ott, slugging right-fielder of the New York Giants.

"When the boys step out of the dug-out this season for their turn at the plate, most of them reach for a lighter stick instead of a wagon tire," said Ott, just before blasting off two more home runs to win another game for his team.

"I think there are two reasons for the trend toward the lighter club this year," he continued. "In the first place, the pitchers are bearing down harder than ever on the old ball, making it necessary to bring the club around in a flash to connect properly."

"And then, we've begun to realize that it's not the heavy bat that made Babe Ruth, but the Babe who made the heavy bat. Most of us have begun to understand we're not Babe Ruths, so we're turning to the clubs that suit us best."

This "mighty mite" from New Orleans, a veteran big leaguer at 23, explained he had cut down the weight of his own bat this season, using a 36-ounce stick instead of his usual 37 or 38 ounces.

Mel said the lighter stick was bringing him out of last season's slump when he averaged only .292, dropping from his 349 of 1930. This year he is the leading hitter of the Giants with .354. He has been at bat 175 times, made 62 hits, 39 runs and 11 homers. He drove in home runs No. 10 and 11 today. When he made his eighth and ninth on Tuesday, he started the Giants on their rise from the cellar.

"One of the best examples of a good hitter who is using a lighter bat this season," he continued, is "none other than Jimmy Foxx of the Philadelphia Athletics. Jimmy has given up his 40-ounce stick, the Babe Ruth bat, and is using one weighing 37 ounces. He's doing mighty fine."

Ott, most famous of baseball's children who now has grown to manhood, is a small, retiring chap, somewhat pale despite his coat of tan. He's one of the smaller men in the game, standing five feet eight and weighing only 165.

He was brought up on baseball in Gretna, La., a suburb of New Orleans. His father and an uncle were semi-pro players. He went from high school, at 16, to the New York Giants, and his success has been phenomenal.

HOW THEY STAND

The following statistics by United Press include games played June 9.

LEADING BATTERS

Player, club	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
P. Waner, Pirates	46	190	38	76	.400
Lombardi, Reds	34	123	19	48	.390
Foxx, Athletics	51	190	53	74	.389
Hurt, Phillies	52	204	39	74	.363
Hafey, Reds	37	142	24	51	.359

MAJOR LEAGUE RESULTS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Club	R	H	E	
Cincinnati	010 010 000	2	4	1
at New York	011 001 00X	3	5	0
Carroll and Lombardi; Mooney and O'Farrell.				
Chicago at	020 000 000	2	4	0
at Boston	409 000 01X	5	6	1
Malone, May and Hartnett; Mungo and Lopez.				
Pittsburgh at	100 100 020	4	7	1
Philadelphia	100 011 000	3	12	1
Swetonic, Brane and Grace; Holley and V. Davis.				
St. Louis	000 002 000	2	11	2
at Boston	000 000 001	1	5	0
Haines and Mancuso; Brown, Cantwell and Spohrer; Hargrave.				

COAST LEAGUE RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Club	R	H	E	
New York	002 000 011	4	7	2
at Detroit	100 211 00X	5	11	2
MacFayden, Wells and Diekey; Sorrell, Hogsett and Hapworth.				
Washington	023 010 000	8	9	2
at Chicago	100 002 101	5	11	2
Weaver, Marberry and Spencer; Smith, Gregory, Faber, Daglia and Berry.				
Boston at	010 000 000	1	4	2
St. Louis	000 101 00X	2	9	0
Wilson and Tate; Blaeholder and Ferrell.				
Philadelphia	121 102 001	8	15	1
at Cleveland	102 131 10X	9	16	2
Earnshaw, Krassie, Freitas and Cochane; Brown, Hildebrand and Myatt.				

BOXER DIES

SABETHA, Kan., June 8. (U.P.)—Chet Edwards, widely known Kansas boxer, died today in a hospital here, where he was taken after a bout with Joe Torkleson of Everett.

ENGINEERS HERE
Dan Indermuhl, Paul Robbins and Carl Bowman, state highway engineers on the Virgin river bridge, were in Las Vegas on business yesterday.

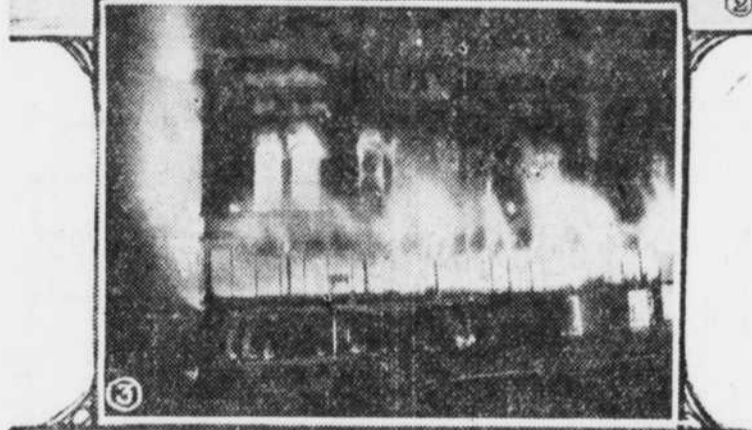
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JINX DEFIER



The Grangers Union Building at Hollister, Calif. Here's the disastrous history of this building in pictorial form. No. 1 shows the original Grangers Union Building. It was totally wrecked by an earthquake on April 18, 1906. No. 2 shows the more modern structure built to replace the original. Ten years and one month after the earthquake disaster the second building was wiped out in the extraordinarily fierce fire on the night of May 18, 1916, pictured in No. 3. Nothing daunted, the owners once more rebuilt. The structure shown in No. 4 stands today in the pleasant California town, having successfully defied the "jinx of the Grangers Union."

FAVOR BEARS FOR REGATTA

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., June 9.—The University of California's Golden Bears have only been here some three days, and already the west coast varsity crew has been installed as a favorite to win the Poughkeepsie regatta, blue-ribbon classic of American college rowing which will be held on the Hudson June 20.

Even Coach Ky Ebricht, California's rowing mentor, is confident in the ability of his varsity crew. According to the Golden Bears coach, the California eight already is fully prepared to take to the river for the race.

His big job at present will be to keep the team in shape for the event.

The California crew will work out twice daily until the very day of the race. In the meantime, Coach Ebricht will have the opportunity of watching his sweepstrikers in action and noting any signs of staleness which may crop up.

If J. O. Geemer will call at The Age office, he will receive a free ticket, good for today only at the Airdome theater.

ON PARK TRIP

S. W. Craner and daughter, Miss Clarice Craner, are enjoying a motor trip through southern Utah. Zion park, Grand Canyon and Bryce's, to Salt Lake City.

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Yankees Lose To Western Team For First Time This Season; N. Y. Giants Plus Ott Eek Out Red Sox Victory

NEW YORK, June 9. (U.P.)—The New York Yankees lost to a western team for the first time this season when Detroit beat them 5 to 4 today. The Yanks had won 11 straight from eastern clubs. This victory placed the Detroit Tigers into third place in the American League.

Making his first appearance in a Yankee uniform since coming from the Boston Red Sox, Danny MacPadden, bespectacled right hander, allowed Detroit 11 hits and all their runs. Wells took the mound in the seventh and held the Tigers hitless for the rest of the day. Schedule homered for Detroit in the fourth with Johnson aboard.

The Cleveland Indians downed the Philadelphia Athletics, 9 to 8, dropping the A's from third to fifth place and boosting Cleveland to fourth position. The Indians pounded Earnshaw, Krauss and Frietas for 16 hits, while Brown and Hildebrand allowed Philadelphia 15. Myatt homered for Cleveland in the fifth, and Simmons made a home run for the A's in the third.

Taking advantage of three errors, the Washington Senators nosed out the Chicago White Sox, 6 to 5. Errors were instrumental in scoring five runs for the Senators and Sam West's homer in the third inning accounted for the sixth.

George Blaeholder pitched the St. Louis Browns to a 2-to-1 victory over the Boston Red Sox. He allowed four scatters hits, while Bob Weland, on the Boston mound, yielded nine.

In the National league, Mel Ott drove out two home runs for the New York Giants to give them a 3-to-2 victory over the Cincinnati Reds. Mel drove off his first homer in the second inning to tie the count. He scored in the sixth inning, broke up a pitchers' battle between Owen Carroll and Tom Mooney. Mooney allowed the Reds four hits, one of them Grantham's home run in the second inning. Carroll yielded five hits to New York.

Bobby Brown, on the Boston mound dropped his first game in six starts as the Braves lost to the St. Louis Cardinals, 2 to 1. Jesse Haines yielded only five hits to Boston, while Brown and Cantwell, who relieved him in the ninth, allowed 11.

Hack Wilson's eleventh home run of the season in the first inning with a bases-loaded, enabled Brooklyn to defeat the league-leading Chicago Cubs, 5 to 2. Wilson batted in the fifth run when he singled in the eighth to score Finn Hartnett homered for Chicago in the second inning with Moore aboard.

The Pittsburgh Pirates scored two runs in the eighth inning to defeat Philadelphia's Phillies, 4 to 3. Swetonic, Brane and French were pounded for 12 hits by the Phillies, while Holley allowed Pittsburgh only seven, which were unfortunately bunched.

HELEN MOODY IS HEAVY FAVORITE

WIMBLEDON, Eng., June 9. (U.P.)—With the invincible Mrs. Helen Wills Moody at their head the United States was a heavy favorite to defeat Great Britain in the annual Wightman cup tennis competition which starts here tomorrow.

Two singles matches and one doubles engagement will be played. Miss Helen Jacobs of California and Miss Dorothy Round, demure little Sunday school teacher, will meet in the first match, with Miss Jacobs favored to win.

Mrs. Moody, who hasn't lost a set since 1926, engages Mrs. Eileen Bennett Wittingstall in the second of tomorrow's singles matches.

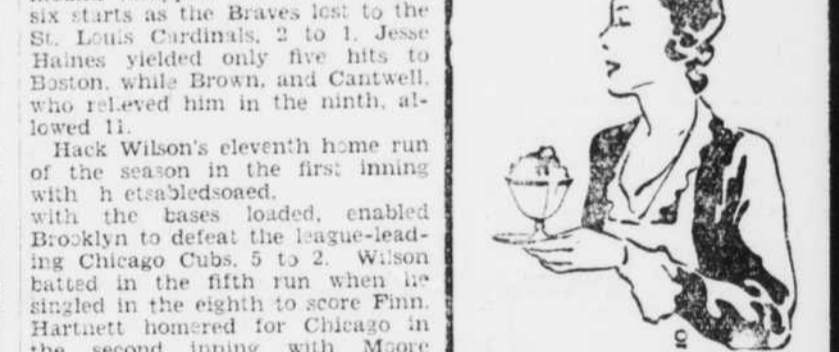
SALTZGAVER RELEASED

DETROIT, June 9. (U.P.)—Jack Saltzgaver, infielder whom the New York Yankees obtained from St. Paul of the American association for \$75,000, today was released to the Newark club of the International league.

BUSINESS VISITOR

Bob Clauson of Los Angeles was a business visitor in Las Vegas yesterday.

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