

Pitcher Joe Black Looks For Good Season This Year

NEW YORK (AP)—Joe Black thinks Brooklyn pitchers have a job but he says that he's rid of his problem and will be back in the majors to stay this spring. "It's how you do in the spring I'll be one of the 10 pitchers on the Brooklyn roster. I feel like a good spring," Joe said.

He's working into shape slowly, methodically at the Harlem YMCA. He's shed 10 pounds, is 222, strong, and will begin to throw in another week.

REGAIN CONTROL

"The main things for me are to regain confidence and get my control back," he said. "At the moment I have them. From mid-August to the end of the season at Montreal last year the papers said I was the most effective pitcher in the league."

Black, a nobody in 1952 joined Dodgers in the spring for a fast look-see. A big man at six feet two, and 222, he turned into Brooklyn's stopper, coming out of the bullpen and firing his fast ball past the hitters for four and five innings. He won 15, shoved Brooklyn to the pennant and was voted National League rookie of the year.

SKIDDED TO ROYALS

In 1953 he dropped off to 6-3. Last year he skidded to Montreal after a poor start.

Joe said that after his great '52 season everyone did try to help him and that with too much advice he was no longer pitcher Joe Black but a mixture of pitchers, shortstops, coaches and catchers.

"All I'm throwing now is a fast ball, my funny little curve and a change-up."

"My first objective is to make the team as a pitcher. I'll serve in any capacity. All I want to do is play," he said.

Bout Arranged

COLOGNE, Germany, (AP)—Germany's European heavyweight champion, Heinz Neuhaus, will box Henry Hall of New Orleans in a 12-round bout Feb. 11 in Berlin. Neuhaus' manager, Jupp Steinacker, confirmed Monday.

On March 27 Neuhaus is booked for a title fight against Hein Ten Hoff in Dortmund if Ten Hoff defeats German heavyweight Hugo Salfeld in a 10-rounder Feb. 4 in Hamburg or Kiel.

Canadians Face Tough Battle For Hockey Title

MUNICH, (Reuters)—Wilhelm Egginger, who refereed two hockey games between the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia last week, said on his return here Monday the Canadians will have to be in top form if they are to beat Russia in the forthcoming world championships.

Egginger, 42-year-old ex-goal-keeper of the German national team, spent eight days in Moscow with a second German referee, Hans Unger.

Egginger said the Russian B team consists mostly of youngsters 20 and 21.

"It was a team to which the future will belong," he said. "They were extremely fast."

Marciano To Try Workout

NEW YORK (AP)—Heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano will test his sore nose in a private workout before Feb. 15, manager Al Weill said Monday. He reported receiving another whopping offer for a title fight.

Weill said he received a wire Monday morning from San Francisco promoter Jimmy Murray offering the champion \$50,000 to meet England's Don Cockell in April or May in a benefit show for the Columbia Park boys club.

"Rocky is working out at Grosinger's right now," said Weill.

"We'll test his nose in a private two or three-round workout. I'll make a definite announcement by Feb. 15 on whether he can fight," Marciano's nose was split in his eight-round knockout of Ezzard Charles on Sept. 17. He bears a reddish two-inch scar on the nose.

In recent weeks Marciano has had a \$400,000 bid to defend against light - heavyweight king Archie Moore, a \$250,000 offer to fight Cuba's Nino Valdes in Cuba, and a \$300,000 offer to meet Cockell in London.

OFFERS BOUT

Jack Kanner, Denver fight promoter, said Monday an offer, guaranteeing a purse of at least \$350,000 has been made for a fight at Denver between heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano and Archie Moore, light - heavy titleholder.

Kanner said the plans are for an outdoor fight this summer in the Denver Bears Stadium which, he said, could accommodate a fight crowd of 28,000.

He said the offer has been made to Al Weill, Marciano's manager, and Charles B. Johnston, Moore's manager.

Ray Powell Maintains Lead In Q.H.L. Race

MONTREAL, (CP)—Ray Powell veteran Quebec centre, picked up one goal and three assists last week to maintain his hold on first place in the Quebec Hockey League scoring race.

Powell now has 20 goals and 35 assists for a total of 55 points. Breathing down his neck in second place is Kelly Burnett of Montreal Royals with 18 goals and 36 assists for 54 points.

An oddity in the statistics released Monday, is that Shawinigan Cataracts, leading the league, have only one player among the top 10 scorers—Gerry Desaulniers, tied for eighth place with 37 points.

Among the top scorers on the Shawinigan team is George Faulkner of Bishop's Falls, Nfld., first Newfoundland ever to make the grade in professional hockey. He has 10 goals and 16 assists to his credit and has yet to get a penalty.

Behind Powell and Burnett in the scoring race is Lulu Denis of Montreal with 16 goals and 32 assists for 48 points.

Other leading scorers with their goals, assists and total points in that order: Royal Tessier, Montreal, 26-21-47; Mike Labadie, Quebec, 10-32-42; Skippy Burchell, Montreal, 11-29-40; Ray Laplante, Montreal, 13-26-39; Rolfe Leclerc, Valleyfield, 17-20-37; Gerry Desaulniers, Shawinigan, 17-20-37; and Gerry Blaine, Montreal, 18-21-37.

Wertz Accepts Former Salary

CLEVELAND, (AP)—Vic Wertz, a holdout for three days while he insisted on a token raise, Monday accepted the same salary he got last year from Cleveland Indians. The salary is about \$25,000.

Indians got 29-year-old Wertz last June from Baltimore Orioles. He finished with a .256 batting average, and topped the Indians with a .500 average in the world series.

Abrams Returns Contract Unsigned

BALTIMORE, (AP)—Outfielder Cal Abrams, who battled 203 last year to lead the American League Baltimore Orioles, has returned his 1955 contract unsigned, manager Paul Richards said.

It was not known what salary Abrams seeks. He is the first Orioles holdout.

Richards said pitcher Harry Byrd has become the 10th Oriole to sign.

Islanders Whitewashed By Amherst Ramblers 14-1

AMHERST, N. S. (CP)—Amherst Ramblers handed short stacked Charlottetown Islanders a 14-1 trouncing Monday night, the most lopsided defeat this year in the Atlantic Coast Senior Hockey League.

Islanders played without Roy Whitlock, Lloyd Hinchberger, Cooper Leyte and goalie Jim Shirley. Sub goalie Frank Roper blocked 40 Amherst drives.

Danny O'Connor got the only Charlottetown goal, a fluke that Amherst goalie Danny Frigon knocked in himself.

Jackie Schmidt led the way for Amherst with three goals and four assists. Hank Therrien picked up four goals, including his 26th for the season, besides an assist.

Fern Bernaquez had two goals and singles were fired by Shermie White, Jean Leclerc, Bob Reid, Paul Saindon and Dave Kiley.

Lineup

Charlottetown—Goal: Roper; defence: Brklacich, O'Connor, Gray; forwards: Jones, Hennessey, Ledue, Dowling, Campbell, Carver, Paladino.

Amherst—Goal: Frigon; defence: Rogers, Blackburn, Parr, Reid; forwards: White, Leclerc.

Summary

First period: 1. Charlottetown, O'Connor 2:40; 2. Amherst, Therrien (Bernaquez, Kennedy) 3:30; 3. Amherst, Schmidt (White) 6:40; 4. Amherst, Schmidt (Reid) 13:31; 5. Amherst, Bernaquez (Reid) 15:25; 6. Amherst, Leclerc (Therrien, Saindon) 17:21. Penalties: Blackburn 14:05, Gray 15:02.

Second period: 7. Amherst, Therrien (Rogers, Reid) 10:41; 8. Amherst, Saindon (Leclerc) 14:59; 9. Amherst, D. Kiley (Schmidt, Parr) 18:27. Penalties: Paladino 9:42, O'Connor 13:50.

Third period: 10. Amherst, Therrien (Saindon, Leclerc) 0:07; 11. Amherst, White (Schmidt, Parr) 2:39; 12. Amherst, Schmidt (Rogers, White) 8:32; 13. Amherst, Therrien (Reid, Schmidt) 10:18; 14. Amherst, Bernaquez (D. Kiley, Parr) 10:40; 15. Amherst, Reid (White, Schmidt) 16:42. Penalties: Paladino 6:09, 14:19, Blackburn 13:06, Reid 14:19.

Stops:

Frigon 6 5 10—21
Roper 16 8 16—40

Earl Walls Gets Unanimous Nod

TORONTO, (CP)—Canadian heavyweight champion Earl Walls, of Toronto, Monday night scored a unanimous decision over Jimmy Slade of New York in a 10-round heavyweight bout.

There were no knockdowns. Walls weighed 197½ pounds to 179½ for Slade.

Victory for the 26-year-old Canadian heavyweight champion avenged a loss to Slade in New York back in 1951 and helped boost his world title hopes.

Judge Jackie Johnson voted for Walls, 49½ points to 47½. Judge Fred Norbert gave it to Walls 49 points to 46½, and referee Sam Hackett scored it 50 points to 44½ for Walls.

In winning, Walls was none too impressive and his heralded knock-out punch was never in evidence as Slade several times tied up Walls with his dancing, weaving style.

SOLVED LONG REACH

In fact there were many in the crowd of 6,490 who thought the decision should have gone to solve Bronx spoiler who seemed to solve Walls' longer reach in the later rounds and landed some stinging left hooks.

Walls, however, was the aggressor throughout and in the first staggered Slade with a hard left. The Canadian champion drove his opponent to the ropes again in the fourth but could not finish him off.

Slade, who seemed to freshen with every round, changed his style in the seventh and moved in under Walls to open a cut over his foe's left eye. The cut was patched but Slade re-opened it in the tenth in which both fighters stood toe to toe and slugged it out for a time.

FOUR STITCHES

Walls had four stitches on his left eye. In the dressing room the Canadian fighter said that he knew that "Slade was going to make me look bad with his style of fighting."

"But there was nothing much I could do about it," he said. He would give Slade a return bout if he wanted it.

Manager Al Joyner of Slade told newspapermen that his fighter wasn't in shape. "He will know what to do if they meet again and I think he can knock out Walls," Slade agreed.

HISTORIC SITE

The first cathedral at Salisbury in England was finished in 1092 AD.

Jackie Robinson Says He May Quit Baseball In '56

BOSTON (AP)—Jackie Robinson said Monday the 1955 season will be his last in baseball if he is bothered by injuries as much as he was last season when he missed many games.

He said he has no managerial ambitions, that he has a commitment with a business firm which will make an announcement at the proper time.

Robinson also likes his own club, Brooklyn Dodgers, to beat the world-champion New York Giants for the National League pennant, if Campanella (catcher Roy Campanella) is right, and Campy now says, he has control of his fingers and is ready to go.

Last season Campanella had a bad hand and his potent bat was almost idle as the Dodgers were beaten for the flag by the Giants.

ON TOUR

Robinson, making a tour on behalf of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, was asked by reporters if he now experiences any discrimination because of his race.

"There are people who still think that having Negroes in organized baseball won't work," Robinson said. "But it's here to stay and there's nothing they can do about it any more than they can do anything about desegregation. . . . people are going to live together and learn to understand each other as individuals, not as Negroes or Jewish people or Japanese."

"A negro is an individual like anyone else," said the man who was the first of that race to crash major league baseball.

Soccer Results

LONDON, (Reuters)—Bury and Stoke City, who have battled for five hours and 22 minutes in three meetings without reaching a decision, clash again Wednesday in another attempt to determine which team will enter the fourth round of the Football Association Cup competition.

The teams tied 3-3 Monday in overtime in the second replay of their third-round game. The two previous games also were ties.

Although Stoke led 2-0 and 3-1, Bury pulled level at 3-3 after 90 minutes regular playing time. Stoke withstood a great deluge of pressure in the 30-minute overtime to survive.

Hartlepool adopted themselves better to the snow-bound pitch to reach the fourth round with a well-deserved 2-0 win over Darlington. They are at home to Nottingham Forest in the next round.

The replay between Brentford and Bradford City was postponed because of wet grounds. The tie will be played off at Highbury, London, on Thursday.

NHL Scorers

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

The leaders:

G A Pts.	
Groffion, Montreal	27 23 50
Belliveau, Montreal	24 23 47
Richard, Montreal	23 18 41
Howe, Detroit	20 19 39
Olmstead, Montreal	7 32 39
Mosdell, Montreal	16 20 36
Smith, Toronto	22 13 35

GERMAN DIVORCE

BONN (CP)—West German statistics show 47,000 divorces in 1953, or one divorce for every 1,000 inhabitants. This is about half the rate of 1948.

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Atlantic Coast Senior Ramblers Play Tonight

The fast-rising Amherst Ramblers will be the visitors at the Charlottetown Forum against what is hoped to be a strengthened Islanders' crew tonight. The Islanders trying to wear off a mid-season slump, floundered badly at Bailey Arena last night but expect to have several of the regular men who did not appear with them last night back on the ice tonight.

Jim Shirley, who has been replaced for the past two games by Frank Roper, is expected to guard the twines for coach Steve Brklacich this evening. Defenceman Lloyd Hinchberger will also be back while Cooper Leyte and Buck Whitlock are other possible starters. It will be a must, as far as a win is concerned, for the Islanders if they are to hold their first place tie with the Moncton Hawks. A win for the Hawks at Fredericton and a loss for the Islanders will give the Moncton club the lead whereas a win for the Islanders and a loss for the Hawks will give the locals a two point edge.

Marciano To Receive Award

CHICAGO (AP)—Heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano Monday was named "the person who contributed the most to boxing in 1954" by the Chicago Boxing Writers' and Broadcasters' Association. Rocky also was the group's choice in 1951. He becomes the first to be chosen twice for the Packy McFarland Memorial Trophy.

Marciano, who successfully defended his title twice last year against Ezzard Charles, is to receive the award at the association's ring dinner Feb. 6.

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Halifax 6 Pictou 3

Northern Ontario Senior
North Bay 1 Sudbury 5
Ontario Junior A
Guelph 3 Hamilton 0

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Children's Skating 4 - 5:30
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THURSDAY—
Skating 8 - 10

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HOCKEY—8:30—MONCTON

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Halifax Rink Is Winner Of Gyro Bonspiel

NEW GLASGOW (CP)—A Halifax rink, skipped by E. J. Gillis, copped its first Frank Sobey cup here Monday by winning the annual one-day Gyro bonspiel.

The winners scored 120 points of two wins and 14 ends won 50 edged runner-up A. Abell of Saint John, N.B., by five points. Wins were worth 25 points, ends five.

Eight Maritime rinks competed in the tenth annual bonspiel. In the morning round, the Halifax rink downed Moncton 9-5. Moncton won in 1954.

H. G. McDavid's Campbellton rink won 10-7 over S. G. MacCulloch of New Glasgow.

Saint John's A. Abell won 12-4 over M. Smith, skip of Windsor No. 1 rink and Fredericton's O. U. Reade beat the Windsor No. 2 rink 13-6.

Afternoon play saw Halifax swamp Campbellton 13-2 and New Glasgow beat Windsor No. 2, 9-6. Saint John won over Moncton 12-8 and Fredericton downed Windsor No. 1, 9-5.

Here are the final standings: Halifax 120 points; Saint John 115; Fredericton 110; New Glasgow 85; Campbellton 60; Moncton 40; Windsor No. 2, 33; Windsor No. 1, 25.

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CHICAGO (AP)—Sugar Ray Robinson and Ralph "Tiger" Jones were found in excellent condition Monday at a pre-flight medical examination at the state athletic commission office.

They meet in a scheduled 10-rounder at Chicago Stadium Wednesday night.

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