



Frontier Gentleman



Series Log

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“Herewith an Englishman’s account of life and death in the West. As a reporter for the *London Times*, he writes his colorful and unusual accounts. But as a man with a gun, he lives and becomes a part of the violent years in the new territories.”

Frontier Gentleman was different from other radio westerns in that the story centered not around some colorful character out of the old West, but it was about a foreigner. An Englishman who came to America to experience firsthand what it was like to live in the still wild and untamed frontier. As the series went on, we find that Kendall is as good with a gun as he is with a pen.

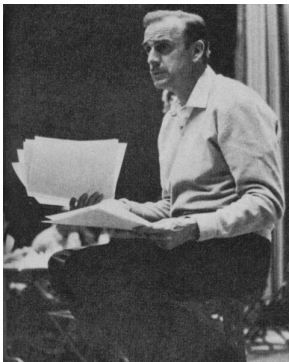
The first audition starred Ben Wright as J.B. Kendall. In the second audition, John Dehner assumed the role. The series was produced and directed by Antony Ellis. Two sound effects artists were used for each show, this was one combination or another of Tom Hanley, Bill James and Gus Bayz. With a few episodes handled by Frank Paris, Cliff Thorsness or Gordon Mason.

Tom Hanley also wrote three of the episodes, while Charles B. Smith wrote one and Antony Ellis penned all of the remaining shows. The series was sustained on CBS. Some of the later episodes were sponsored by Kent cigarettes, Chrysler Plymouth Corporation, Studebaker and Tums.

“Now, starring John Dehner, this is the story of J.B. Kendall... *Frontier Gentleman!*”



John Dehner



Before John Dehner began a long and distinguished career on radio and television, he began as an animator for Walt Disney’s studios. John was also a professional pianist, an Army publicist and a radio journalist. On the radio John guested on many of the first rate shows, such as *Gunsmoke*, *Suspense* and *Escape*. After playing the starring role on *Frontier Gentleman*, John went on to star as Paladin on the radio version of *Have Gun, Will Travel*. On television, John appeared on *The Betty White Show*, *The Westerner*, *The Don Knotts Show*, and *Young Maverick* among many others.



The Episodes



January 29, 1958 Audition

This was the same story line as used in *The Shelton Brothers*. Ben Wright played the part of J.B. Kendall. Others in the cast include: Jack Kruschen, Stacy Harris, Michael Ann Barrett, Vic Perrin and Barney Phillips, with ad-libs by Tom Hanley and Bill James. Announcer - Roy Rowan.

January 30, 1958 Audition

Same story line, only John Dehner played the part of J.B. Kendall in this audition. The rest of the cast included: Jack Kruschen, Stacy Harris, Virginia Gregg, Harry Bartell and Barney Phillips, with ad-libs by Tom Hanley and Bill James. Announcer - Bud Sewall.

#1 February 2, 1958 “*The Shelton Brothers*”

“There’s a town in Montana Territory where it’s against the law to carry a gun. The sheriff lives by this order and because of it, other men can die.” Sheriff Clanton and his deputy rule over South Sunday. They don’t allow guns and they aim to keep strangers out of their town. And Kendall finds out why as the Shelton Brothers are hiding out in South Sunday from Billy the Kid. Cast: Jack Kruschen, Stacy Harris, Virginia Gregg, Harry Bartell and Barney Phillips. Music - Jerry Goldsmith. Announcer - John Jacobs.

#2 February 9, 1958 “*Half-Breed*”

“The great Chief of the Sioux Indians is Sitting Bull. He’s a rather difficult chap to meet, especially when he’s planning a war.” Kendall hears that the Sioux Indians are getting ready for war on the white man. Kendall and Charlie Meeker hire a half-breed to guide them for a meeting with Sitting Bull. Only the guide is interested in collecting more than his fifty dollar fee. Cast: Jeanette Nolan, Lawrence Dobkin, Harry Bartell and Junius Mathers. Music - Wilbur Hatch. Announcer - John Jacobs.

#3 February 16, 1958 “*The Honkytonkers*”

“There are places west of Missouri, where gambling stakes are rather high. This is particularly true when the wager depends on a man’s life.” Will Bill Bascom doesn’t take kindly to Crystal sitting on Kendall’s lap. But after a struggle, Wild Bill’s life depends on Kendall saving him. While the rest of the saloon places bets on if Wild Bill will live or die. Cast: Jack Kruschen, Stacy Harris, Virginia Gregg, Eve McVeagh, Barney Phillips and Charles Seel. Music - Jerry Goldsmith. Announcer - John Wald.

#4 February 21, 1958 “*Kendall’s Last Stand*”

“Sooner or later, every man meets his Waterloo... even in Montana Territory. At the time Colonel Custer was meeting his... I very nearly met mine.” Kendall joins Lt. Snow and his men as they try to save some civilians held up at Castle Butte by Indians. The soldiers come under attack and it’s up to Kendall to find a way out of the canyon. Cast: Jeanette Nolan, Clark Gordon, Lawrence Dobkin and Jack Moyles. Music - Wilbur Hatch. Announcer - Hugh Douglas.

#5 March 2, 1958 “*The Lost Mine*”

“There’s a fever in the mining country of Montana Territory. It’s known as gold-cholic. Once a man catches it, it can only mean one thing... Life or Death.” Kendall stops by the *Fort Benton Dispatch* to find a story on gold miners. He is told of Shorthorn Tom, who claims he once found a rich strike

but needs a partner to find it again, and he asks Kendall to invest. Cast: Herb Ellis, Joseph Kearns, Virginia Gregg and Don Diamond. Music - Wilbur Hatch. Announcer - John Wald.

#6 March 9, 1958 *"The Claim Jumpers"*

"In the mining country of Montana Territory it seems that it's one thing to find gold, and another to claim it as your own." Young Bill Richman heads out west looking for gold and comes across Kendall. The two are joined by three men who spin tales of rich gold strikes. Then when Bill takes their stories to heart and finds gold, the three are set on getting their share. Cast: Eddie Firestone, Lawrence Dobkin, Jack Moyles and Vic Perrin. Music - Wilbur Hatch. Announcer - John Wald.

#7 March 16, 1958 *"Big Sam for Governor"*

"Big Sam Hobday was a very important man in Helena, Montana Territory. He wanted to be even more important, and insisted that I write about him. This is what I wrote." Big Sam has control over the town of Helena and always gets what he wants. Now he wants to be governor of Montana Territory and he wants Kendall to help him get elected. Cast: Jack Kruschen, Stacy Harris, Vic Perrin, Jean Carson, Harry Bartell and Charles Seel. Music - Wilbur Hatch. Announcer - John Wald.

#8 March 23, 1958 *"The Actress"*

"It's amazing what a man will do to himself over a woman. And still more amazing what a woman will do to herself over a man. This story happened in Virginia City, Montana Territory." James Grimes is manager of Miss Eulalia Robinson, an English actress who likes to flirt with men. Only her flirting with Kendall ends up with her being shot. And the whole town of Virginia City is after the man who shot her. Cast: Jeanette Nolan, Lawrence Dobkin, Harry Bartell, Jack Moyles and Jim Nusser. With ad-libs by Tom Hanley and Bill James. Music - Wilbur Hatch. Announcer - John Wald.

#9 March 30, 1958 *"Gentle Virtue"*

"At Deer Lodge in Montana Territory, I met a very unusual young lady. Her Chinese name was Shuk-Yi, which in English means Gentle Virtue. This is her story." Kendall learns how to play poker and finds himself winning more than just poker chips. But Turkey Johnson aims to get back his loses, and then some. Cast: Virginia Gregg, Vic Perrin, Jack Kruschen, Ben Wright and Charlie Lung. With ad-libs by Tom Hanley, Bill James and Dick Wormsbecker. Music - Wilbur Hatch. Announcer - John Wald.

#10 April 6, 1958 *"The Powder River Kid"*

"There seem to be only two kinds of people in Montana Territory: the good and the bad. Sometimes it's hard to tell which is which." Kendall shares a wagon ride with an old bull wacker named Scales to Fort Benton, when they meet up with Bill Logan, a.k.a. The Powder River Kid. Logan is dying and Scales wants to turn him in for the reward. But Logan has other ideas and he wants Kendall's help. Cast: Joseph Kearns, Paula Winslowe, Lawrence Dobkin, Barney Phillips and Robert Rudie. Music - Wilbur Hatch. Announcer - John Wald.

#11 April 13, 1958 *"The Trial"*

"I attended a murder trial in Fort Benton, Montana Territory. To say that it was unusual is putting it mildly." George McCune is accused of killing Jack Furlong, and the whole town of Fort Benton wants to see him hang. That is until Kendall, acting as McCune's lawyer, begins to question the witnesses. Cast: Jack Kruschen, Harry Bartell, Joseph Kearns, Will Wright, Jack Moyles, Jeanette Nolan, Vic Perrin and Stacy Harris. Music - Amerigo Marino. Announcer - John Wald.

#12 April 20, 1958 *"Aces and Eights"*

"In a card game, aces and eights are known throughout the West as a *Dead Man's Hand*. There's

a good reason for it, and this is the story of how the hand got its name.” While playing cards in Deadwood with Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane and Colorado Charlie, one of them draws aces and eights... then ends up dead! Cast: John McIntyre, Jeanette Nolan, Jack Moyles, Lawrence Dobkin, Stacy Harris and Vic Perrin. Music - Amerigo Marino. Announcer - James Matthews.

#13 April 27, 1958 “*Random Notes*”

“It occurs to me that in my reports to the *London Times*, there are many incidents which I have omitted. Things seen and heard during my past three months in the American West. Here then, some random notes.” Kendall writes random notes of his past few months in the American West. Included are stories of a pistol duel between two women, a Chinese man who buys a worthless mine and a snake oil merchant. Cast: Virginia Gregg, Jack Moyles, Peter Leeds, Vic Perrin, Joseph Kearns, Jack Kruschen and Winston Ross. Music - Wilbur Hatch. Announcer - John Wald.

#14 May 4, 1958 “*Daddy Buckbuck*”

“In Cheyenne, I met the richest man in the West. I also met Willie Ringo. And was given a train. This is how it happened.” Kendall joins Buck Wharton, the richest man in the West, on Buck’s train towards Laramie. Along the way, Willie Ringo and his gang try to stage a hold-up. Only Kendall aims to see that they don’t get away with it. Cast: Parley Baer, Jack Kruschen, Eddie Firestone, Harry Bartell and Virginia Gregg. Music was recorded cues. Announcer - Dan Cubberly.

#15 May 11, 1958 “*The Cannibal*”

“In Chugwater, Wyoming Territory, there is a way station for the Cheyenne and Black Stage Line. Because of a rainstorm, I witnessed a tragedy there.” While on a stage heading towards Chugwater, heavy rains forced the passengers to spend the night in Hyena Bob’s way station, where Duncan Webster, a man with a sickness, causes trouble for all. Cast: Joseph Kearns, Stacy Harris, Vivi Janiss, Lawrence Dobkin and William Lally. Music - Wilbur Hatch. Announcer - John Wald.

#16 May 18, 1958 “*Advice to the Lovelorn*”

“I learned two things in Cheyenne. One, that hucky-dummy is baking powder bread with raisins. The other, that love’s labor is not always lost if you don’t know how to use a gun.” Tom Hart heads back to Cheyenne to marry Carrie Hudson, only to find that she’s run off with Jack Feeny, who was said to have shot a friend, Charlie Bannister. Kendall aims to keep Tom from seeking revenge on Feeny. Cast: Vic Perrin, Virginia Gregg, Jack Kruschen and Harry Bartell. Music - Wilbur Hatch. Announcer - John Wald.

#17 May 25, 1958 “*The Cowboy*”

“There’s a saying in the West that a cowboy’s a man with guts and a horse. This is the story of one. His name was Slim.” While riding to Laramie, Kendall and a cowboy named Slim, come across Theodore Belding, who is dying from an Indian arrow. Kendall and Slim go after the Arapahos who took Belding’s wagon... and his wife. Cast: Jack Moyles and Lawrence Dobkin. Music - Joel Davis. Announcer - Dan Cubberly.

#18 June 1, 1958 “*School Days*”

“One of the prettiest women I’ve met in the West was very nearly the cause of violence and carnage. And to this day, I don’t think she knows why.” Rotten Head Gulch and Goose Creek, two small mining towns in Wyoming Territory, come to duel over a new school marm. Kendall tries to prevent any bloodshed. Cast: Jack Kruschen, Virginia Gregg, Vic Perrin, Jack Moyles and Harry Bartell. Music - Joel Davis. Announcer - Dan Cubberly.

#19 June 8, 1958 “*Beljoy’s Prisoner*”

“The events that took place in Shoshone, Wyoming Territory, are still somewhat of a nightmare to me. This report to readers on the *London Times* will explain why recent dispatches have been delayed.” While the stage stops at Shoshone, Sheriff Beljoy arrests Kendall for stealing the Lucky Dollar Saloon’s payroll. As a prisoner, Kendall must teach some manners to Mercyday Beljoy, the Sheriff’s daughter. This episode was written by Charles B. Smith. Cast: John Dehner as Granger Beljoy, Virginia Gregg, Harry Bartell, Stacy Harris, Jeanette Nolan, Richard Perkins and Ron Meador. Music - Joel Davis. Announcer - Allen Botzer.

#20 June 15, 1958 “*The Well*”

“In the Plains country of Wyoming Territory, I met a homesteading family. This is an account of how they lived... and nearly died.” On his way to Laramie, Kendall stops at the small cabin of some homesteaders. As some cattlemen come to run the family off their land, the couple’s young daughter disappears, and they need the cattlemen’s help to find her. Cast: Virginia Gregg, Vic Perrin, Lawrence Dobkin, Jack Kruschen and Harry Bartell. Music - Joel Davis. Announcer - Dan Cubberly.

June 22, 1958

The episode of June 22, 1958 was preempted.

#21 June 29, 1958 “*Gambling Lady*”

“I met a gambler in Wyoming Territory and learned something about the terrible war between the states.” *The Association of Gambling Parlor Owners* doesn’t like losing their customers to Madame Verde’s place. So they aim to run her out of town, over the objections of Kendall, who has taken a fancy to the lady gambler. Cast: Jeanne Bates, Lawrence Dobkin, Stacy Harris, Harry Bartell and Jack Kruschen. Music - Joel Davis. Announcer - Bud Sewall.

#22 July 6, 1958 “*The Education of Kid Yancy*”

“In Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, I learned a little about trail herders. And a lot more about the education of Kid Yancy.” Cowboys driving cattle up from Texas enter Cheyenne set on having some fun, including Kid Yancy, whom Nick Carmody promised to the boy’s ma that he would watch after and keep him away from whiskey and women. Only the Kid’s tired on being looked after and aims to have some fun. Cast: Eddie Firestone, Jean Carson, Jack Moyles, Vic Perrin and Charles Seel. Music - Joel Davis. Announcer - Bud Sewall.

#23 July 13, 1958 “*Justice of the Peace*”

“I met a Justice of the Peace in Wyoming Territory and saw two kinds of justice done.” Most of the men of Dry Creek want to hang Jack Red Dog for killing Ike Haney. Justice Robinson wants her first trial to be a fair one, only a mob lynches Red Dog before hand. Now there’s to be a new trial for the men who did the lynching. Cast: Paula Winslowe, Jack Moyles, Lou Krugman, Jack Kruschen and Tom Holland. Music - Joel Davis. Announcer - Bud Sewall.

#24 July 20, 1958 “*Mighty Mouse*”

“In Laramie, Wyoming Territory, I met a square jawed sheriff named Will Harper and his slack jawed deputy named Clem. I also lost twenty dollars.” The stage Kendall is riding in from Dry Creek is held up by masked men. In Laramie, the stage driver claims to have seen the outlaws in Lazy Kate’s Saloon. Even though Kendall, Clark and the stage driver recognize the holdup men’s voices, Sheriff Harper fears his reputation is at stake as he believes the words of the outlaws. Cast: Ted deCorsia, Harry Bartell, Lawrence Dobkin, Jack Moyles, Vic Perrin and Stacy Harris. Music - Joel Davis. Announcer - Bud Sewall.

#25 July 27, 1958 “*Mighty Tired*”

“My second encounter with the Jesse James’ Gang was a little more fortunate than my first. This is what happened.” While on a train heading to Cheyenne, three members of the James’ Gang come aboard. Kendall, along with Thad Clark, are set on getting back what the outlaws had stolen from them in Laramie. Cast: Harry Bartell, Stacy Harris, Charles Seel and Vic Perrin. Music - Joel Davis. Announcer - Bud Sewall.

#26 August 3, 1958 “*Nebraska Jack*”

“I feel that I cannot leave Wyoming Territory without describing my encounter with Nebraska Jack and his remarkable family.” While waiting for the stage to be repaired, Olly Monaghan tells Kendall of a colorful character by the name of Nebraska Jack, a man who has done it all, including having five wives, and at last count, seventeen children. With one more on the way. Cast: Joseph Kearns, Jack Moyles and Virginia Gregg. Music - Joel Davis. Announcer - Bud Sewall.

#27 August 10, 1958 “*The Cat Man*”

“I left Cheyenne without my luggage and in company with a wild Irishman and his even wilder cargo of freight.” Chain takes a cat named Princess away from Dan. Kendall rides with Chain and his wagon full of cats to Deadwood, where Chain plans to sell the animals. After his leg heals under the care of Maggie, the future Mrs. Chain Kerrigan. This episode was written by Tom Hanley. Cast: Joseph Kearns, Martha Wentworth, Barney Phillips, Charlotte Lawrence and Harry Bartell. Music - Joel Davis. Announcer - Bud Sewall.

#28 August 17, 1958 “*The Wonder Boy*”

“There are many claims to the title of fastest gun in the West. I think that in Deadwood, Dakota Territory, I may have met him.” J.B. desires to get a new suit at the tailor when he meets young Dick Jackson, who admires the six shooter Kendall has. Kendall is surprised to see how quick and straight the boy can fire. When Dick’s pa is shot, the young man aims to get back at the men who shot him. Cast: Eddie Firestone, Stacy Harris, Jack Kruschen, Virginia Gregg and Ben Wright. Music - Joel Davis. Announcer - Bud Sewall.

#29 August 24, 1958 “*Belle Siddons’ Encore*”

“Once again, I met a lady named Belle. And learned about a gentleman named Archie McLaughlin. This, taking place in Deadwood, Dakota Territory.” Madame Verde pitches her tent in Deadwood, where she gets word of a stagecoach carrying gold to Rapid City. Boone May aims to see just how much Madame Verde knows about the gold... and McLaughlin. Cast: Jeanne Lansworth, Jack Kruschen, Vic Perrin, Harry Bartell and Jack Moyles. Music - Joel Davis. Announcer - Bud Sewall.

#30 August 31, 1958 “*Belle Siddons Strikes Back*”

“It’s a never ending source of amazement to me what a woman will do for a man. This happened in Dakota Territory.” Kendall rides a stagecoach with Boone May, his men and \$50,000 in gold. McLaughlin and his gang lay in waiting to rob the stage as it enters Whoop-Up Canyon. Cast: Jeanne Lansworth, Jack Kruschen, Jack Moyles, Vic Perrin and William Allen. Music - Joel Davis. Announcer - Bud Sewall.

#31 September 7, 1958 “*The Last of Belle Siddons*”

“At Little Cottonwood Creek, I saw a man who’s life wasn’t worth ten thousand dollars... not even to himself.” Kendall rides with Boone May to Cheyenne, where May plans to arrest McLaughlin. Madame Verde hires a group of men to make sure that McLaughlin isn’t caught and that Kendall isn’t hurt. Cast: Jack Kruschen, Jeanne Lansworth, Harry Bartell, Richard Perkins and Jack Moyles. Music - Joel Davis. Announcer - Bud Sewall.

- #32 September 14, 1958 *“A Horse for Kendall”*
 “In Deadwood, I learned that a man will risk anything on what he considers a good gamble.” Kendall buys himself a horse from Wohaw Simmons, a man who claims that the horse can out race any other horse in Deadwood, including those sold by Fitch Tallman. The race is set, with J.B. doing the riding for Simmons... all three hundred miles of it. Cast: Ralph Moody, Jack Moyles, William Allen, Will Wright and Vic Perrin. Music - Joel Davis. Announcer - Bud Sewall.
- #33 September 21, 1958 *“Indian Lover”*
 “I learned something of courage, integrity, and Indian affairs. This, in Deadwood, Dakota Territory.” Crow Dog was found guilty of killing Spotted Tail, and even with his hanging coming near, Crow Dog refuses to tell why he did it. Harry Clum asks J.B. to help save the Indian. Cast: Ralph Moody, Joseph Kearns, Stacy Harris and Jack Moyles. Music - Joel Davis. Announcer - Bud Sewall.
- #34 September 28, 1958 *“The Golddigger”*
 “In the Black Hills of Dakota Territory, I met a love sick miner, and got bitten by the gold bug.” Frank Twiss and Charley Longbaugh come across a pure gold strike. Before Kendall accompanies Frank into Deadwood to make a claim, Charley warns Frank to stay away from Mary, a woman who’s affections sway towards anyone with money. Cast: Joseph Kearns, Harry Bartell, Virginia Gregg, Jack Moyles and Jack Kruschen. Music - Joel Davis. Announcer - Bud Sewall.
- #35 October 5, 1958 *“The Librarian”*
 “Last week, I reported an incident involving a gold claim... this is the story of an altogether different type of claim.” While looking for a story on homesteaders, Kendall comes across Almira Danworthy firing upon a man who had taken over her cabin. Kendall has one week to help get the young out of her cabin before she loses her land. This episode was written by Tom Hanley. Cast: Virginia Gregg, Eddie Firestone, Richard Perkins and Charles Seel. Music - Jack Tillar. Announcer - Bud Sewall.
- #36 October 12, 1958 *“Aces and Eights”*
 “In a card game, aces and eights are known throughout the West as a *Dead Man’s Hand*. There’s a good reason for it, and this is the story of how the hand got its name.” Same story as episode 12. Cast: Lawrence Dobkin, Virginia Gregg, Jack Moyles, Jack Kruschen, Stacy Harris and Vic Perrin. Music - Jack Tillar. Announcer - Bud Sewall.
- #37 October 19, 1958 *“The Preacher”*
 “Before I left Deadwood in Dakota Territory, I saw the beginning of winter, and the end of a man.” Boyd Grier plans to kill Thomas Yorby to avenge the death of his sister. Kendall tries to stop Grier. Only thing is, Yorby wants to die! Cast: Waldo Epperson, Richard Perkins and Ray Woods. Music - Jack Tillar. Announcer - Bud Sewall.
- #38 October 26, 1958 *“The Rainmaker”*
 “There is a section of Kansas in which I shall never be welcome. This is the reason for it.” Darby Bullman sells his services as a rainmaker to the people of Osawatomie for \$1,000. Darby hires J.B. and the two of them have 24 hours to bring rain, or face the wrath of the town, including the *Lady Crusaders*. Cast: Joseph Kearns, Jack Kruschen, Stacy Harris, Virginia Gregg, Charles Seel and Jack Moyles. Music - Jack Tillar. Announcer - Bud Sewall.
- #39 November 2, 1958 *“Nasty People”*
 “In Kansas, I found shelter for the night which led to a number of rather awkward incidents. This is what happened.” On the way to Independence, Kendall’s horse goes lame. He stops at the

Grover's home, a small store of sorts, where a stranger warns him that those who enter are never seen again. Cast: Virginia Gregg, Eddie Firestone, Parley Baer, Paula Winslowe and Vic Perrin. Music - Jack Tillar. Announcer - Bud Sewall.

#40 November 9, 1958 “*Holiday*”

“In Missouri, I saw a thousand people come to witness a living man's funeral.” Bill Adams, a.k.a. Cole Williams, is dying in a Batesville hotel, and the town folks can't wait to celebrate. Kendall listens to the story of a widow who's husband was killed by Cole. Then he listens to Cole's partner, Shad Barlow, tell Cole's side of the story. This episode was written by Tom Hanley. Cast: Harry Bartell, Richard Perkins, Joseph Kearns, Virginia Gregg, Helen Kleeb and Jack Moyles. Music - Jack Tillar. Announcer - Bud Sewall.

#41 November 16, 1958 “*Random Notes*”

“It occurs to me that this, my last report to the *London Times*, there are many incidents which I have omitted. Things seen and heard during these several months on my journeys through the American West. Here then, some random notes.” While traveling on a train heading east, where he will board a boat back to England, Kendall writes some random notes on his travels throughout America's West. These are the same notes as those in episode 13, except that Kendall is writing them while on a train. This is the last episode of the series. Cast: Ben Wright, Virginia Gregg, Lawrence Dobkin, Joseph Kearns, Vic Perrin, Jack Kruschen, Jack Moyles and Harry Bartell. Announcer - Bud Sewall.

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