

Sports Trail

By Whitney Martin

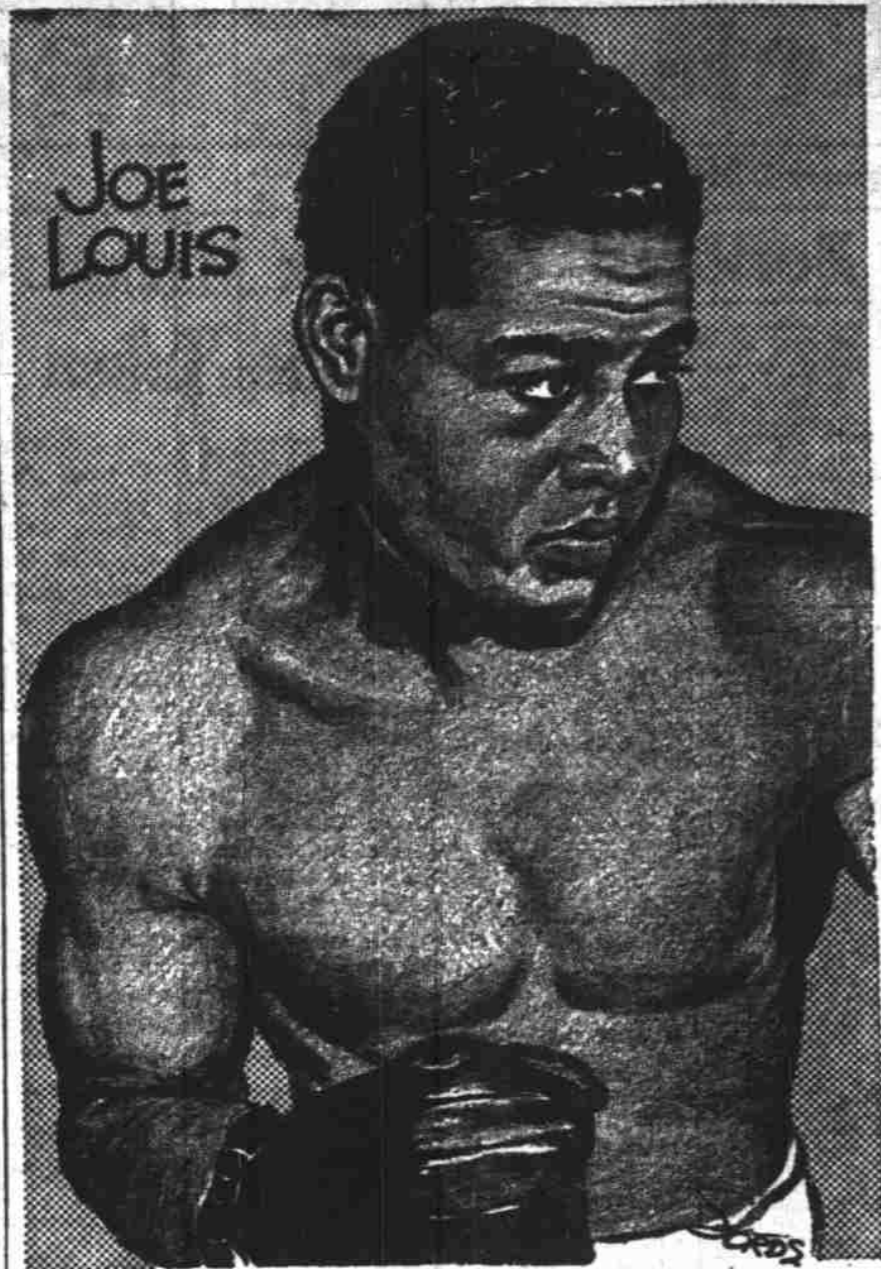
By WHITNEY MARTIN
NEW YORK, Jan. 6—(Special to Statesman)—They were talking in Dan Ferris' AAU office of Mel Sheppard, the great track athlete of 30 years ago, who died last Sunday, and wondering just how fast he could run. It was agreed his times for various distances were misleading as he was one of those fellows who ran only to win, and not to set records. "Old timers will tell you that peerless Mel, as Sheppard was known, would have been as good as the Cummings and the Woodruffs and the other later middle-distance stars had he been running against them," Ferris remarked. "He ran his greatest race after he had been running 10 years or so. "That was when he finished second to Ted Meredith in the 800-meter event in the 1912 Olympic Games in Stockholm. Sheppard had won both the 1500-meter and 800-meter events in the 1908 games in London.

Puts on Steam

"He and Meredith had agreed that whoever got away fastest would set the pace, and Sheppard was that man. He ran a sensational quarter, something like :52, but when it came to the stretch and Meredith was waiting for Sheppard's great finishing kick, nothing happened. Meredith, feeling the threat of the German runner, Bran, put on steam and passed his teammate to win in 1:51.8." Sheppard was a colorful, aggressive competitor, Ferris recalls. He had supreme confidence in his ability, and durability. Coach Mike Murphy urged him not to compete in the 1500-meter race in London after Sheppard had won the 800, feeling he would have no chance. "I'll run it, and I'll win it," Sheppard answered, and that's just what he did. He had expressed similar confidence a year or two earlier when he was turned down by a physician in an examination for the New York police department because of an enlarged heart. "I'll live to run a lot of marathons over your grave," he told the doctor.

Busy Athlete

Track athletes were a lot busier in those days than they are today. In fact, they had to be in training practically the year around, with the indoor season running from the first of November until April, and the outdoor season from May 30 until fall. Weekly meets were held at the old Celtic park here, and with the same men running against each other week after week the distances were switched about to lend variety. This accounts for the numerous odd-distance records Sheppard still holds. In 1910 he ran 500 yards in :57 3-5, 550 yards in 1:04, 700 yards in 1:28 4-5, 800 yards in 1:45 3-5, 900 yards in 1:57 1-5, and two-thirds of a mile in 2:44 2-5. All these records still are on the books.



Louis Trains Hard for Battle With No Pay, Title on Block

By SID FEDER

GREENWOOD LAKE, N.Y., Jan. 6—(AP)—Joe Louis isn't getting enough out of Friday's fuss with Buddy Baer to order a helping of fried chicken, but he's training harder and walloping more viciously than he did when it meant \$100,000 or more. Of course, if Buddy should wind up his high hard one in Madison Square Garden Friday and knock Joe's ears off, the Bomber would be out something more than 40 per cent cut. There's the small matter of the world heavyweight championship. "Buddy hit me a honey in Washington last May," he recalled Tuesday after betting four sparring partners liberally, "so I ain't takin' any chances of that happenin' again. When I fell through the ropes after he connected that time, I realized right then I couldn't take any chances if I ever took him on again." What's more, you learn from Joe's camp followers that the head man is having lots more fun training for this fight, largely because he's in better shape than ever before, and, too, because it's the best way he knows of showing his patriotism. "I'm glad I can do this for the navy relief, and my country," he explained. "Afterward, I guess I'll be called for the army right quick, but I'll have done this much anyway."

'Cats Honored At WU Chapel

Members of the Willamette university football party which recently returned from bomb-smitten Hawaii were honored in the Tuesday chapel session on the campus by fellow members of the student body. Dr. Carl Knopf, presiding, spoke on behalf of the faculty and students in voicing the happiness shared by all at the safe return of the team and accompanying fans. Coach Spec Keene reviewed briefly the activities of the Bearcats in island defense work and echoed the praise of officials at the work done by the boys in feeding and entertaining the injured service men during the island voyage. Ted Ogdahl, newly-elected captain for the 1942 season, commented on their reaction to the initial attack.

Hoop Contest Called

ALBANY, Jan. 6—(AP)—An Albany-Toledo high school basketball game, scheduled Tuesday night, was postponed until a future undetermined date.

Go to California

LIBERTY—Mr. and Mrs. Rex Williams and three children, who have been guests at the F. Judd home the past week, left Saturday for their home in Stirling City, Calif.

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Salem, Oregon, Wednesday Morning, January 7, 1942 7

Weather Nips Bearcat, Salem High Hoop Teams

Willamette university and Salem high basketball teams took it on the chin from old man winter Tuesday night when icy roads prevented the Portland Pilots and Eugene Axemen from journeying to Salem for hoop engagements with the local clubs.

Huskies Back From Jaunt, Lose Veteran

SEATTLE, Jan. 6—(AP)—Coach Hec Edmundson stepped off a train from the east Tuesday to find he had lost one of his University of Washington basketball lettermen to the army, but he still wore the smile that would not come off.

The coach was happy over the Huskies' showing on the eastern trip, three wins in three games and a new scoring record for Madison Square Garden in New York city. But he learned that Webb Brown, of Everett, a letterman as a sophomore last year, who did not make the trip, had volunteered and been accepted and will leave here Friday for Bakersfield, Calif., to start training as an army flying cadet.

That night Washington opens its northern division coast conference race here against Idaho, in a two-game series.

"I was exceedingly pleased with the showing made on the trip," Edmundson said, "particularly so in that we had a different high point man each game."

Edmundson said that the Madison Square Garden officials had invited Washington east again next year but he made no commitments. He rated Temple as the strongest of the three teams played.

On taking the floor against NYU in a game which Washington won, 72-58, to establish an all-time scoring record, the betting odds were against the Huskies, Edmundson recalled.

Humboldt Tips OCE 51 to 35

Humboldt State Teachers college completed a two game sweep of their hoop series with the Oregon College of Education quintet by copping the second encounter at Monmouth Tuesday night, 51 to 25.

The Wolves broke away to a fast start but the Californians whittled their lead to 25-24 at halftime and pulled steadily in the second period.

Goodwin topped the winners with 15 points. Humboldt (51) OCE (35) Lee 13 12 Morris Longhoul 4 8 McKlett Goodwin 15 6 Mohler Spier 1 9 Kerns Belcher 12 McNab

Substitute, for OCE, Brown 6.

Silverton Slates Two Home Games

SILVERTON—Silverton high has two basketball games coming up for the home floor according to Coach Gerald Burnett. The first of these will be played here January 9 with Canby and the second January 13 with Woodburn.

Bevo Banquet Postponed; New Date Set

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 6—(AP)—The banquet to celebrate the return of the Oregon State college Rose Bowl football team has been postponed until January 16. Coach Len Stiner, athletic director Percy Looney and several team members will not be on the train that brings the rest of the squad into Oregon Thursday, scheduled date for the banquet. They stopped off enroute home for visits with relatives.

A committee said the remainder of the squad would be feted in a day-long celebration, and that Stiner and the others would return in time for the banquet.

WU Frosh Top Independence 30 to 16

While most Oregon hoopsters toasted their toes at the home hearth Tuesday evening the Willamette university Bearkittens and Independence high school cagers braved the sleet and ice to tangle at the Methodist gymnasium where the local collegians chalked up a 30 to 16 victory.

The win marked the third triumph in as many starts this season for the freshmen and their final game under the tutelage of Maury Krietz, Willamette senior, who led last year's rookie crop to 23 victories. Krietz leaves Salem January 15 for service in the United States army.

The Bearkittens after a slow start, pulled away to a 13-9 half-time lead and were never again in danger.

Earl Bradshaw, WU center, continued his high scoring ways, bucketing six field goals and two charity tosses for 14 tallies and high point honors. Boyce topped his Independence teammates with seven points.

Independence (30) Bearkittens (16) Smith 2 14 Bradshaw Boyce 7 6 Runyan Peoples 4 2 Jones Hawk 1 Weaver Merrett 6 Steinbach

Substitutes, for Independence: Johnson, Bullock 2, Bornhard, Sohn. For Bearkittens: Goodman 2, Barrett, Tweed, Kelley, Wills and Walker.

Feller Starts Naval Career

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 6—(AP)—Baseball's young hero, Bob Feller, began his naval training career here Tuesday with the expressed wish that he would be able "to throw a few strikes for Uncle Sam."

The 22-year-old former Cleveland Indian pitcher told attaches at the Norfolk naval training station: "I've always wanted to be on the winning side and this time I know I'm with a winner."

Trim in the uniform of a chief boatswain's mate, the speedball specialist asked his fellow enlisted men to treat him as "just another fellow."

Reported to have drawn \$40,000 last year for his pitching prowess, he will make \$200 a month as chief boatswain's mate.

"That's more than Hank Greenberg makes," Feller said, referring to the former Detroit Tiger batting champion who went into the army last year.

Gill Predicts Tough Season

PENDELTON, Jan. 6—(AP)—Coach Silas Gill of the Oregon State college basketball team said here Tuesday that pre-season games of northern division teams indicated that the conference race would be "tough."

The Beaver squad was enroute to Corvallis from its eastern trip. Gill said he couldn't make any predictions as to what the Beavers might do in the Coast conference competition. "They all look tough," he said.

Grid Rules Cleared By National Group; No New Laws Made

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 6—(AP)—Pursuing a general hands-off policy in regard to new statutes, the national collegiate football rules committee moved to take a few kinks out of the rules and adjourned its annual meeting Tuesday night.

There were no new rules written into the book, but several were clarified as the group wound up a three-day session at Camelback Inn.

Chief of these were: The double offside penalty was virtually abolished. A supplemental note in the existing rules was written, insisting that a referee call one team or the other offside instead of ruling that both had been offside, and ordering the play repeated.

Another note described as "un-sportsmanlike" the hideout or sleeper play executed under a screen of multiple substitutions. It was explained that there had been instances where three substitutes came into a game, four started off the field and one stopped to occupy an obscure position on the sideline. Often his presence was shielded by persons on the sideline. A 15-yard penalty was prescribed for this illegal maneuver.

The end was written for the "Y" formation, which was used by Syracuse last season, and featured the center snapping the ball with his back to his opponents. A clause was adopted which said a player to be legal on the line of scrimmage must face his opponents in line. "Football being a combat game should not be played by players turning their backs to their opponents," said A. A. Stagg, life-time member of the committee.

In clarifying the unlimited substitution rule, particularly occurring in the last two minutes of each half, the committee ruled that after the ball has been made ready to be put into play by the referee, no substitute can be put in without a penalty. It was left to the discretion of the referee to stop or start the clock if he decides a team is deliberately delaying a game. This applies only after a team has had its regulation three time-outs in the half.

The report of the committee's work was given out by Walter R. Okeson of Lehigh university, chairman of the rules body.

Bowling Scores

MERCANTILE LEAGUE			
Capital City	Handicap	14	14
Kirchner	14	14	42
Hoar	156	157	104-417
E. Chappel	214	156	128-402
Waller	118	209	165-329
Woolke	163	189	176-352
Walters	851	863	794-3448
Dr. Pappas			
Ertsgard	157	162	188-367
Simons	124	110	137-271
D. Chappel	115	181	116-419
Peterson	108	161	157-400
Jarvis	127	119	126-372
Mathew	122	160	704-3194
Richfield			
Schwal	102	100	180-311
McLaughlin	146	138	167-451
McCune	112	176	176-427
Hammond	124	107	107-234
Brown	124	158	148-431
Waller	607	758	701-3074
Board Walk			
Handicap	30	30	30-90
Mills	122	123	123-369
Junta	143	123	113-379
Sachter	123	180	147-450
Seebler	212	172	126-319
Koib	156	199	180-514
Total	796	628	708-3232
Valley			
Thompson	102	100	146-288
Mison	128	137	148-414
Farrar	169	138	128-423
Doeffer	168	124	145-328
Farrar	164	154	117-323
Total	622	701	685-3208
Beaver			
Handicap	16	16	16-48
Ramp	131	155	184-470
Richie	115	181	116-419
Brown	172	195	160-336
Meyster	128	96	106-288
Mathew	143	112	127-453
Total	703	756	846-3253
Glenns Red White			
Myers	131	79	114-324
Walker	156	182	165-413
Clayton	199	159	108-288
Dull	170	110	125-405
Ashby	125	118	165-416
Total	617	688	743-3094
Lath			
Warner	191	167	129-487
Warner	196	157	149-472
M. Tsukamoto	192	150	141-482
Ogura	128	168	168-458
Yada	117	119	117-303
Total	817	728	678-3253

BIG WINNER - - By Jack Sords



GEORGE E. KEOGAN
 COACH OF BASKETBALL AT NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY

No War-Time Curtailments Indicated in Amateur Athletic Union's Sports Program; 1942 Calendar Lists Many Events

(This is the first of a series written for The Associated Press by sports leaders on the prospects for 1942.)

By DANIEL J. FERRIS
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NEW YORK, Jan. 6—(AP)—It is not easy to assume the role of a prophet in wartime. Situations change too rapidly for that. Present indications, however, are that there will be no curtailment of any of its sports by the Amateur Athletic union or any of its 41 district associations.

For 53 years we have been striving to make America's youth physically fit and in this emergency we feel that our efforts along these lines should be doubled rather than diminished. All of the AAU national championships are going on as scheduled and we will attempt to broaden the base that we interest more and more of the young men and women in athletics. That will help, I believe, from a morale and physical standpoint.

To date a full program of indoor meets is listed and only a few meets have been cancelled because armory sites no longer are available or because the returns on recent meets have not justified the effort expended. Every track and field meeting will have special service events, closed to members of the armed forces, and we hope and expect many of our organizations to conduct frequent track meets in which service men in large numbers will be afforded an opportunity to participate.

The army, navy and marines already have many of our stars—Chuck Fenske, John Musick, Campbell, Kane, John Woodruff, Dick Ganey, James Kehoe, Barney Ewell and many others. Still more are certain to join later on. Some of them will be able to take part in the regular events and others will confine their activities to the service tests.

Many of the stars who are not yet in service and may be expected to be headline attractions again include Leslie MacMillan, Greg Rice, Walter Mehl, Les Steers, Bill Stewart, Fred Wolcott, Jimmy Hebert, Charlie Beetham, Mel Trutt, Joe McCluskey, Al Bioria, John Bortan. This is a formidable array of talent for a most promising season that will be climaxed at Madison Square Garden, February 28.

The outdoor highlight will be the AAU title test at Dallas, June 28-27. Prior to that meet will be the National Collegiate AA championships at Lincoln, Neb. These meets are close enough geographically that the best of the college athletes undoubtedly will be able to participate in the AAU games.

These two championships will serve as a good guide for the US team which is scheduled to compete in the first Pan-American games at Buenos Aires in November. Unless the carnival in Argentina is cancelled—and there are no signs of it—this will provide a real track boom. Unlike the Olympics, which

were held in the summer, the Pan-American games come so late in the year that our athletes will have to keep sharp throughout the summer. This, and the availability of athletes in service, may mean a big increase in track competition during the months that usually have little or none.

The AAU has written to the commanding officer of every fort, camp, post, naval station and airfield in the United States, offering all the facilities it has at its command. To date the response has been surprising and many segments of our armed forces already are working with local AAU associations in furthering their athletic programs.

The AAU constitution has provisions for permitting service men to compete in national championships without entry fee or without observing the residence rules. It also permits them to take part in closed service events against ineligible athletes without losing their own good standing.

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