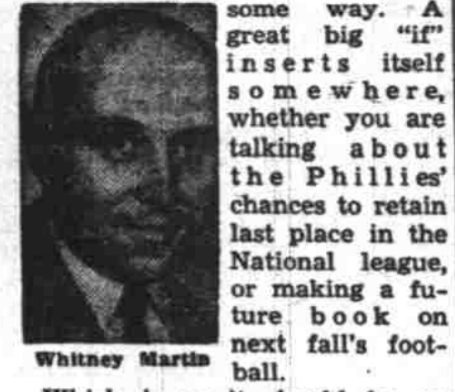


Sports Trail

By Whitney Martin

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (Wide World)—It's almost impossible to comment on sports nowadays without bringing in the war into it some way.



A great big "it" inserts itself somewhere, whether you are talking about the Phillies' chances to retain last place in the National league, or making a future book on next fall's football.

Which is as it should be, as sports are just the buttons on a coat sleeve as far as their importance is to the business at hand, and they can only be considered in connection with their relation to the war effort.

This line of thought traces back to a recent item to the effect that Leo Durocher has gone to Florida. That called to mind that Durocher has not been signed as Brooklyn Dodger manager yet, at least not publicly.

And that thought brought the idea that Durocher might see considerable more active service this year than last year. Which is where the war enters the picture of what might otherwise be a routine baseball story.

For the war may do what Larry MacPhail has been unable to do — get Durocher out there on the field. He won the pennant as a bench manager last year, but it is the common idea that his bench managing was his own idea, not MacPhail's.

Peewee Reese, regular shortstop last year, probably will go into the army before many weeks, and Claude Corbitt, young Montreal farm hand who was expected to give Reese a battle for the position this spring, definitely is lost to the Dodgers for the same reason.

Which leaves the shortstop job up to the old man himself, unless he decided to shove in the newly-acquired Arky Vaughan and let third base take care of itself.

Durocher still can play plenty of shortstop. Naturally, they are his legs and he wouldn't know just how much they ache when he gets out there day after day, but he's still young enough, and his presence in the lineup is anything but a liability.

His return to active duty would lengthen the list of player-managers that already includes Joe Cronin, Mel Ott, and Lou Boudreau. And with daily reports of this player or that player entering the armed services there may be a chance for other pilots to double as players. Jimmy Wilson came back to play when everyone, including Jimmy Wilson, thought his active career was far behind him.

However, that's a remote prospect and it's difficult to imagine pudgy Joe McCarthy or sedate Bill McClellan or plump Frankie Frisch wheeling around trying to corner a ground ball. It isn't so difficult to imagine Luke Sewell, Jimmy Dykes and one or two others doing their stuff, though.

With the exception of Reese and Pete Reiser — and Corbitt of course — the Dodgers seem to be in pretty good shape insofar as possible losses to the army are concerned. Fellows like Dolph Camilli, Billy Herman, Dixie Walker, Whit Wyatt and Freddy Fitzsimmons are well enough along in years to make an early call improbable, even if they didn't have dependents. It's the younger clubs, like the Cardinals, who will be hardest hit.

Louis Kayos Baer In First Canto



Joe Louis

Buddy Down Twice Before End Comes In 2:56 of Contest

Joe Turns in Fourth Fastest KO In 'Heavy' History Before He Trades Gloves for Rifle

By SID FEDER

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, New York, Jan. 9 (AP)—Joe Louis tore the California giant, Buddy Baer, apart Friday night and chopped him down in the fourth fastest time a heavyweight champion ever turned back a challenger.

Working for the fun of it, Joe got all the fun out of this brief brawl as he turned loose an explosion of dynamite that never gave Buddy a chance to draw a breath, that floored the 250-pound Goliath twice for nine counts, and that finally left him beaten, bewildered and broken in two minutes, 56 seconds of the first round of what was to have been a 15-round tussle.

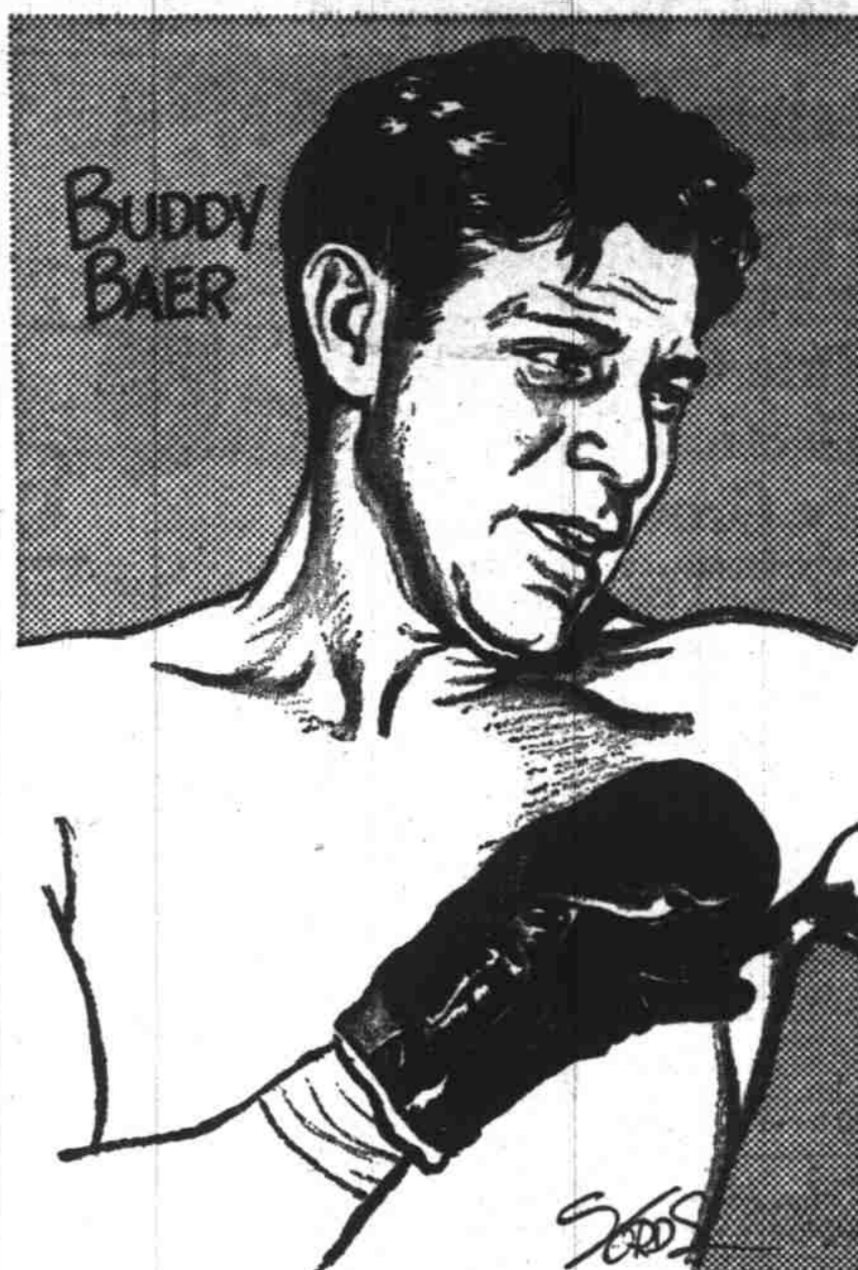
This was a murderous Louis, who ripped and tore and, above all, fired his torpedoes continuously, so that Buddy never really knew what happened. This was not the Louis of the Baer fight in Washington last May, who was knocked out of the ring by one of Buddy's big paws and who waited six full rounds before catching up with him.

Louis was strictly a 16-inch gun on target practice. No one could have counted all the blows he landed as a near sell-out crowd who turned out for this fight for the benefit of the navy relief fund roared and gasped at his power. But he must have thrown a hundred or more wallops. Two smashing rights dropped Buddy the first time he hit the deck. A long, lightning left put the crusher on.

The whole thing was over so fast—almost before the customers were settled in their seats—that Promoter Mike Jacobs' ticket men decided they couldn't complete the count of figures to-night. Best estimates were that between 19,000 and 20,000 fans were in the flag-hung, bunting-decked arena and that the gross gate was between \$180,000 and \$190,000, of which the navy fund will probably receive about \$90,000 or slightly over.

Joe knew this time his meal ticket was on the line, and, always proud of the fight game's richest bauble, he not only was convinced he wouldn't give it up for nothing, but he was as sure as death and taxes that he wasn't even going to take a chance with it.

For, while Joe gave up his entire purse for this fund for the benefit of families of sailors at sea and killed in action, and Mike Jacobs chipped in his promotional profits, Buddy risked



Buddy Baer

Smith Takes Lead in LA 'Pot o' Gold' Links Meet

By ROBERT MYERS

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9 (AP)—Gallery favorite Horton Smith, displaying his old-time magic on the greens, knocked four blows off par and took over the leadership at the end of the first round of the annual \$10,000 Los Angeles open golf tournament Friday.

The lanky professional from Pinehurst, N.C. shot a 68 after collecting six birdies and missing par but twice on the par 72 Hillcrest course.

One stroke back of Smith, long an idol of California link fans, were Harry Cooper, two-time winner of the open; Herman Barron of White Plains, N.Y., and Chet Beer, driving range pro from Los Angeles, who admitted he was somewhat surprised to find himself in such par-busting company.

Benny Hogan, a strong threat to win the tournament, saw his chances for a tie or the lead go awry on the difficult 18th when his approach was short and rolled back down the steep incline.

The little Hershey, Pa., champ money winner of 1941 settled for a 70, tied with Lawson Little, 1940 winner of the Los Angeles open; Johnny Revolta of Chicago and Willie Goggin, White Plains, N.Y.

Tied in the 71 rank were Sammy Sneed, who won a penalty argument from the rules committee; Ex-champion Denny Shute and Jim Turnesa, veteran New Yorker.

Warmerdam, unofficial world's record holder, vaulted 15 feet or better ten times last year; Steers of Portland, Ore., exceeded the high jump record with a 6 feet 11 inch leap, as did Stewart, a USC boy, at a fraction under that figure.

Events will include the 50-yard dash, 600 and 1000 yard runs, mile and 3 mile runs, 60 yard hurdles; open and junior college mile relays, high jump, pole vault and medley races.

Bowling Scores

CHERRY CITY LEAGUE			
	198	141	500
White	161	141	500
Belger	143	157	420
Bob White	154	173	519
McCarrill	154	182	612
Lange	152	183	637
Nelson	151	156	534
United	944	977	781-3538
Handicap	33	33	99
Schoen	132	133	438
Farran	145	135	550
Art Warner	128	141	379
Harron	151	156	454
Al Warner	116	124	379
Total	732	877	772-3511
Salesman			
Thompson	190	215	605
John Farrar	122	133	388
Don Farrar	104	123	439
McCarrill	141	160	450
Nelson	151	156	454
Al Warner	116	124	379
Total	778	797	2338
Pulsus Cubes			
D. Thompson	54	70	194
Reinholt	128	149	408
Girod	154	182	516
Kelso	178	170	488
Osis	132	138	382
Philsinger	153	155	413
Total	698	791	2051
Beiler			
Walton	136	172	464
Rifley	154	181	467
Matheny	186	167	528
Systema	128	94	332
Van Houten	119	107	326
Total	683	621	2197
Reinholt & Lewis			
Handicap	16	16	48
Reinholt	144	169	416
Lewis	110	121	342
Stoll	97	108	402
Kelso	120	116	416
J. Warner	171	208	541
Total	688	739	2160

One Round

Baer charged Louis into Joe's corner without a punch being landed. Joe fired two hooks to the head and crossed a right and Buddy backed away. Louis straightened Buddy up with a straight left. Louis caught Buddy with a smashing left then fired a dozen punches as he backed Baer across the ring. Baer was hurt but he came fighting back. Then Joe caught Buddy along the ropes and hit him at will. Buddy bounced a right off the ear. Joe fired a right high on the head and followed it up with a left, right and left. Baer caught Joe with a left to the body as they went into a clinch. Joe crossed a right to the chin and Buddy went down. He got up at the count of nine. Joe raced across the ring and floored him again with five smashing rights. Buddy got to his knees at five and to his feet at nine. Louis roared in like a tiger and a dropped Buddy again with a long left hook. Buddy's head hit the floor with a resounding smash. He rolled over at four, fell back again, then crawled to ropes and tried to pull himself erect but couldn't make it before Referee Fullam reached a ten count and Louis was the winner by a knockout in 2:56 seconds of the first round.

High School Grid Play Opened Up

CHICAGO, Jan. 9 (AP)—High school quarterbacks Friday received encouragement from their elders to make more frequent use of the free kick after a fair catch, a play used only once in about 8000 prep grid maneuvers at present.

The national interscholastic football committee adopted a rule applying to the free kick, henceforth permitting the team trying this play to boot the ball from any point along the line of scrimmage. Until now the ball was placed at the spot where it was caught, except when it was in a side zone in which case it was moved in 15 yards from the sidelines.

"By allowing the ball to be placed at any spot along the line of scrimmage," declared Henry V. Porter, secretary of the rules group, "we believe that quarterbacks will be more apt to take advantage of the play."

The committee also placed formal approval on a widely-discussed proposal permitting two forward passes on the same play from behind the line of scrimmage. The change will make it possible for a player to receive a forward toss while behind the scrimmage line and then throw another forward, or kick, if he chooses.

To receive a forward toss while behind the scrimmage line and then throw another forward, or kick, if he chooses. Previously the only thing he could do in such a situation was run, or pass laterally.

Basketball Scores

COLLEGE	
Wake Forest 39, George Washington 35.	35
Maine 45, U. of Connecticut 68.	68
Virginia '39, William and Mary 35.	35
Georgia 42, Florida 33.	33
So. Methodist 33, Arkansas 35.	35
San Francisco State 50, California Aggies 35.	35
Eastern Washington College 41, Gonzaga 36.	36
Washington State 61, University of Oregon 45.	45
Tennessee 37, Alabama 15.	15
Duke 37, Maryland 33.	33
Indiana State 63, Valparaiso 42.	42
Oklahoma Aggies 45, Drake 14.	14
Cornell 31, Harvard 27.	27
Cregon 44, Washington (St. Louis) 30.	30
Montana University 39, Idaho Southern Branch 35.	35
New Mexico University 42, Texas College of Mines 38.	38
Colorado 49, Utah 39.	39
Colorado State 31, Denver 30.	30
Stanford 42, Col. of Pacific 32.	32
Lehigh 65, Dickinson 61.	61
Furman 35, So. Carolina 33.	33
Auburn 32, Spring Hill 30.	30
Montana State College 48, Western State College 29.	29
La. State 56, Mississippi 35.	35
Eastern Oregon 84, Mt. Angel 45.	45
Portland 46, Pacific 39.	39
Central Washington 57, St. Martin's 44.	44
Western Washington 44, Pacific Lutheran 35.	35
Chico State college 48, University of Nevada 30.	30
Whittier 47, Redlands 34.	34
HIGH SCHOOL	
Milwaukee 34, Albany 35.	35
The Dallas 34, Bend 9.	9
Hood River 26, Pendleton 14.	14
Helix 29, Pendleton Bees 19.	19

Washington Captures Initial Northern Division Hoop Games

WSC Trips Oregon 61-45; Huskies Keep Slate Clean by Measuring Idaho 36-28

SEATTLE, Jan. 9 (AP)—Washington's favored Huskies spurted late in the second half Friday night to beat back a stubborn University of Idaho challenge for a 36 to 28 victory in their opening Pacific Coast conference basketball game.

Washington pulled ahead for victory faded as it held a 26-24 lead. Ray Turner, the bespectacled, tall timber center, went out at that point on four personal fouls after having waged a valiant one-man offensive that kept the Huskies on the anxious seat.

Washington promptly tied the score at 26-26 and then rapidly pulled into a 31-26 lead. Idaho never again was able to threaten. It looked like a machine with a sparkplug missing.

Turner took high point honors, with 14, despite his early departure.

The victory left Washington with an undefeated record for the season, which includes five victories in intercollegiate play and a new high scoring record of 72 points in Madison Square Garden.

Pesky Now 1-A; Cronin Shelves Retirement Plan

BOSTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—Joe Cronin's plans to quit shortstop and become a bench-manager appeared headed for the discard Friday when Boston Red Sox officials were informed by Johnny Pesky that his Portland, Ore., draft board had reclassified him from 3-A to 1-A.

As a result, Pesky, rated as Cronin's most likely successor in the infield, is subject to an immediate call by the US army.

Angels Schedule Four Road Games

MT. ANGEL — The Mt. Angel college hoopen left Thursday for La Grande and a two-game series there with Eastern Oregon College of Education, January 10 and 11.

From La Grande the Angels go to Ashland to face the Southern Oregon College of Education quintet January 12 and 13. The southern teachers are topping the Oregon intercollegiate league at present.

Sacred Heart Scheduled

The Hubbard high school basketball team will play the Sacred Heart team of Salem on the Hubbard farm next Tuesday.

Lutherans Lose 44-35

BELLINGHAM, Jan. 9 (AP)—Coming from behind in the final 10 minutes, Western Washington college upset Pacific Lutheran 44 to 35 in a Washington intercollegiate conference basketball game here tonight. The Lutherans are the defending Winko champions.

Hard Luck Hits Hardy Again

Rex Hardy, hard working guard who already this year sat out four games with "mumps" became the hard luck man of the squad when at Friday's practice he sustained a badly sprained, if not broken, ankle. Dutch Simmons, stellar forward, has been nursing an infected toe the past week but is expected to be in shape for Tuesday's tiff.

Headman Harold Hauk's Salem high Vikings are scheduled to entertain the Milwaukee Maroons here Tuesday night, weather permitting.

The capital city peppers trek to Oregon City Friday night while they meet the Oregon State rooks here January 21.

The Viks, defending No-Name league champions, begin their 1942 league campaign against Dwight Adams' Albany Bulldogs January 23.

Practice will be held today, Hauk said.

Another Boost for War Sports

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (AP)—The part of college sports in the nation's war effort was surveyed Thursday by half a hundred athletic directors at the fifth annual schedule making meeting of the central office for intercollegiate athletics.

Thurston J. Davies, president of Colorado college, told the group their problem was one of perspective.

"We're up against a dirty, mean job and will simply have to intensify our present efforts all along the line," he declared.

Urging that the colleges not lose sight of the widespread value of intercollegiate sports, he commented:

"We can all agree that compulsory exercises are good for toughening our young men, but

let's not lose sight of the general theme—of the physical and psychological benefits to be gained by these youths competing against each other. If competitive athletics were good, they are better now."

Dean E. Leroy Mercer of the University of Pennsylvania cited the experience of leaders in the last world war who found that sports had been of great help in improving the condition and morale of soldiers.

He pointed out that Gen. Douglas MacArthur, when appointed superintendent at West Point after the last war, had established an athletic program which for the first time brought every cadet into sports.

"Canada, after two years of war, has come to the realization that sports have survived and college athletics are likely to be resumed soon. If we are to profit by these examples and advise we not only will continue but will intensify our sports programs," he concluded.

John Da Grossa of the office of physical fitness for civilian defense described the government's "Hall America" program and said the colleges could cooperate by keeping their students fit for three purposes—military service, production and civilian defense.

He asked the colleges to consider making one hour a day of physical education compulsory for all students and also that they establish courses that would prepare graduates to handle industrial recreation programs.

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Pilots Break Tie, Nip Pacific 46-39

FOREST GROVE, Ore., Jan. 9 (AP)—Portland university drove to a 46-39 win over the Pacific university basketball team tonight after being tied at halftime at 21 all.

Friedhoff with 13 points and O'Toole with 11 led the Portland team. Don Reed of Pacific took game honors with 15 points.

Wilcox Lands New Job

MT. ANGEL—Wednesday night, Mt. Angel ousted Pacific university of Forest Grove 69-62 in a wild, hard-played mix. Only five fans braved the icy hill and ice-laden trees that lead to the college gym to see the victory.

Low Blow Halts Fight

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 9 (AP)—A scheduled 10 round bout between Petey Sealzo of New York, former NBA featherweight champion, and Toby Vigil, Los Angeles Mexican, was declared a no-decision affair in the sixth round tonight after Vigil was carried to his corner suffering from a low punch

Stanford 42-32 Winner

PALO ALTO, Calif., Jan. 9 (AP)—Stanford's basketball team scored an easy victory over College of the Pacific tonight, using every man on the bench, and winding up a 42-to-32 winner