

Sports

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Along The Sports Trail

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NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Unless unforeseen conditions arise, the pro golfers will have another tournament tour on their program next winter. Fred Corcoran, tournament manager, says he has received word from sponsors in California that they would like to continue their events if possible, the tournaments including the Los Angeles, Oakland, San Francisco and Bing Crosby opens.

Corcoran right now is directing a tour which he expects will raise \$100,000 for service charities. Crosby and Bob Hope, both better than fair golfers, will be the extra-special gate attractions, and will perform with such established stars as Byron Nelson, Walter Hagen, Jimmy Demaret and Lawson Little, exhibitions already have been played at Binghamton, N.Y., Toledo and Detroit, with Youngstown, Ohio, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Fort Worth also on the schedule.

And as added gate bait, Crosby will sing on the 18th greens, assuring a turnout of tads and lassies who think a hole-in-one is a doughnut.

Retread Veterans

Why is it that when veteran ball players who haven't been doing so well join a championship club they immediately become champions? The Brooklyn Dodgers have had their share of this. These gentlemen who seemed to need only a retread job in the way of a change of scenery, Larry French is a case in point, and more recently Bobo Newsom, although nobody considered Newsom quite washed up. The Yankees fished around and came up with Buddy Hassett, who, although no world beater, has played satisfactory ball. Then, in a last-minute flurry, they hooked old Jim Turner and Roy Cullenbine, who still is young enough but hasn't had a good year. Turner functioned capably in a relief role last Sunday, and Cullenbine got 11 hits in four games, one blow being a game-winning homer. Rolie Hemley had been signed as a stop-gap when Buddy Rosar shuffled off to Buffalo to try to change his ball bat for a night stick, and Hemley came through when most needed. Whatever the champions have must be catching, and we don't mean Bill Dickey and Mickey Owen.

Bierman Moaning
Everything is all right. Bernie Bierman is moaning about the green team he has at the navy pre-flight school at Iowa City, although he has such performers as Nat Bolger, Notre Dame varsity end; George Benson, Northwestern fullback; Julius Kern, Kansas guard; and Bill Keleus, Illinois tackle. It is explained, however, that Bierman is not referring to the experience of his players, but to the fact that they are new to him and his system.

Had Lucky Break
The national tennis tournament attendance provided a pleasant surprise, but we still think it can't be traced to the calibre of the tennis player. It largely was due to a lucky break. Had the Falkenberg claim decided to remain in California the chances are the ivy-draped stadium at Forest Hills would still have been ivy-draped and you could have heard the ivy-

Max Schmeling Badly Injured
NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—(AP)—The Berlin radio said Tuesday Max Schmeling, para-trooper in the Nazi army and former heavyweight boxing champion, was injured so severely in the battle of Crete he would never enter the ring again.

Dethman Signs With Portland
PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 8.—(AP)—Bob Dethman of the Oregon State college Rose Bowl football champions, Tuesday signed to play with the Portland Busters in the Northwest War Industries pro football league.

Spinning The Sports Dial:
NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Sometimes you start to work up what seems to be a good, data-inspired idea only to become involved in a mess of contradictory figures which leaves you dizzy.

We developed one of these cheap drinks while trying to prove that the outstanding success of the New York Yankees was due in a great extent to their skill in making double plays. They are creeping up on the league record of 196 they set last year.

The theory didn't seem far wrong in considering the American league, as the first division clubs were far ahead of the second division teams in this double-or-nothing business. Taking the figures through August 29 the Yankees had 173 twin killings, Cleveland 137, Boston 136 and St. Louis 128. The second division clubs ranged from 111 on down.

Ah, there was the story right there. Kill them two at a time and walk over the bodies. Just by chance we glanced at the National League figures.

Well, it was like building a house just before the hurricane struck. What team do you think was leading the National League on the league schedule? They had made 128, two more than Cincinnati and St. Louis, tied at 124. The Phils have since lost the lead to the Reds, but as late as August 28 they were tops.

The only explanation of the Phils' record would seem to be that everybody hits against them and that they'd make a goodly number of double plays just obeying the law of averages, as they'd get more chances.

We checked back still further to be sure the Phils' record was a pink elephant and not at all in keeping with the usual situation in which you would expect a team with a good double play record to rate well in the standings. The survey was confusing, to say the least.

When Cleveland set an American league record of 187 in 1928 the club finished seventh. Cincinnati set the present National League record of 184 the same year and the Reds finished fifth.

All of which would indicate that the number of twin killings does not necessarily serve as an accurate yardstick in figuring a team's success. It might be safer as a rule to measure with the hitting and pitching records.

Not that double plays have nothing to do with a team's success. We still think they've had a lot to do with the Yankee victories, always bearing in mind

Annual Report Of Playground Praises Work

Feminine Lifeguards Maintained Safety; New Swim Record Set

The annual report of the Salem summer recreation program was released from the office of Gurnee Fleisher, playground director, Tuesday lauding the 1942 season as very successful.

Not only did the playgrounds evade injuries to its "customers" but the season mark of 145,112 participants in swimming was a new record, bettering the old standard by several thousand.

The popular feminine lifeguard staff—composed of Barbara Smith, Janet Rogers, Katy Griffin, Phyllis Gueffroy and Leah Smith, "maintained a high standard of safety and discipline," Fleisher said. Their work was an improvement over men water safety instructors, at that, Fleisher stated.

A grand total of 236,736 attended the Salem playgrounds during the entire season but that figure was down due to crop saving efforts. The high swim record was divided between Olinger with 70,014 and Leslie, 72,008. Supervised play increased to 47,436 while picnics also was up, 3702.

For the first time in history an instrumental music course, directed by Vernon Wisecarver, was conducted with the playgrounds and the public school system. Some 3120 children saw activity in that division.

Louis-Conn Fight Date Scheduled

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—(AP) Corp. Joe Louis and Pvt. Billy Conn will meet in New York's Yankee stadium October 12 in the first heavyweight championship match in ring history between two soldiers.

The war department gave its official blessing to the bout Tuesday in an announcement which said the return match of one of the best title feasts in recent years would be fought for the benefit of army emergency relief. The entire net proceeds of a gate which is expected to reach at least half a million dollars and may go as high as a million, will be turned over to the fund. Neither of the fighters, or, for that matter, any "private interest," will receive any return.

Although the war department did not announce the time or place for the bout, it was learned in New York that Yankee stadium has been selected as the site and that present plans are to make it the first day-time heavyweight title clash since Jack Dempsey outpointed Tom Gibbons under the broiling sun at Shelby, Mont., 19 years ago.

Football Fandom Housing Shortage Foreseen, Hotels

PORTLAND, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Football fans who expect hotel accommodations at the major Portland games this fall must have advance reservations, hotel managers indicated Tuesday.

In recent months hotel have been crowded on weekends, reversing the vacation trend. The Oregon Washington game usually packs all hotels in the city and with most of them already well filled, fans without reservations for the October 10 weekend are likely to be without rooms, managers said.

There will be no difficulty in housing teams, however, they said.

Dr. Rayner Club Guest For Tonight
The Salem Hunters and Anglers club will present Dr. H. J. Rayner, chief biologist of the Oregon state game commission, as principal speaker in a colorful program tonight at the Eagles hall.

The public is heartily invited. Colored slides will be displayed and described by Frances Labeth, Multnomah county treasurer. His slides are those collected as a hobby.

Ben Claggett, long identified with the game enforcement in Oregon, will present several rolls of colored film depicting the game commission's removal of natural and unauthorized obstructions to fish migration in Oregon streams.

A Dutch lunch will follow the meeting.

New Park Plan Is Suggested
OGDEN, Utah, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Do you think this plan will work?

With the Pioneer league playing season over, William C. McCorry, manager of the Ogden club, Tuesday ordered the baseball park and adjacent buildings left unlocked over winter.

McCorry explained, "Kids will break in the doors and prow through the buildings anyway. We thought we'd fool them and leave the place open so all they have to do is walk in. It will save doors."

The electric light bulbs were removed, too.

"That will remove all incentive for kids to shoot at them," McCorry added.

Cards Add Hurier
ST. LOUIS, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Adding more strength for the final pennant drive against Brooklyn, the St. Louis Cardinals Tuesday announced purchase of Bill Beckman, veteran pitcher, from Rochester of the International league.

Salem School Coaching Lineup Altered

They'll Carry the Ball for Great Lakes



Among outstanding collegiate football players who will wear the grid uniforms of the Great Lakes, Ill. Naval Training Station team this fall are the four pictured above. From the left are Bruce Smith, All-American at Minnesota last year; Bob Sweigert, a star Minnesota back in 1941; Pete Kmetovic, who did his ball carrying for Stanford; and John Popov, who played with the University of Cincinnati. The boys are shown working out at Great Lakes.

Brooklyn Leads National Pack By Three Full Game Margin

Pete Dives Four Points Now at .324

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Pete Reiser, Brooklyn Dodger outfielder bidding for his second consecutive National league batting championship, is giving his rivals every opportunity to grab the lead away from him.

"Pistol Pete," returning to action last week after a layoff due to an injury, dropped four points to .324, but actually gained one point in the race for top honors. Ernie Lombardi of Boston is hitting .329, but has been at bat only 265 times so is omitted from the list of leaders.

Ernie Slaughter of the Cardinals, in second place a week ago, dropped seven points, and also to third place as his teammate, Stan Musial, gained four points to take over second with an average of .320.

The select circle of hitters after last week's play was made up of Reiser .324, Musial .320, Slaughter .318, Joe Medwick, Brooklyn, .307; Stan Hack, Chicago, .305; Lou Novikoff, Chicago, .303; Johnny Mize, New York, .302; Bill Nicholson, Chicago, .295; Bob Elliott, Pittsburgh, .295; Fletcher, Pittsburgh, .291, and Cooper, St. Louis, .291.

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Public Invited
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Open Meeting
SALEM HUNTERS & ANGLERS CLUB
WED., SEPT. 9th
EAGLES HALL
8:00 P. M.
Colored Movies of Outdoor Life
Dr. H. J. Rayner
Speaker of the Evening

Dr. Rayner as chief biologist of the Oregon state game commission will speak on the interesting subject of game management, and the program of game conservation now being carried out by the game commission.

There will be other speakers and entertainment and the club asks you to come and bring your wife or lady friend and a soldier if possible.

(Dutch Lunch)
SALEM HUNTERS AND ANGLERS CLUB

Brown Named High School Hoop Coach

A greatly altered athletic coaching lineup for the Salem public school system was approved Tuesday night by the Salem school board.

The approved plan affects no fewer than eight members of the physical education system.

Browns, Nats, Indians Post American Wins

DETROIT, Sept. 8.—(AP)—The St. Louis Browns put together five straight singles for three runs in the fifth inning Tuesday, which, combined with Walter Judnich's

At the moment, the American league chase looks like this:

	W	L	Behind	Play
New York	93	45	16
Boston	84	55	9 1/2	15

homer in the fourth and Steve Sundra's four-hit pitching, gave the Browns a 4 to 1 victory over the Detroit Tigers and an even break for their 22 games this season.

St. Louis.....000 130 000—4 9 4
Detroit.....000 001 000—1 4 0
Sundra and Ferrell; White, Henshaw (5), Trout (8), and Parsons, Tebbetts (8).

Nats 15, Sox 11

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—(AP)—The Washington Senators trounced the Boston Red Sox 15 to 11 Tuesday in the first game of a scheduled doubleheader. The second game was called with the visitors at bat in the fifth to let the teams catch their trains. The score was 1 to 1 at the time.

Boston.....302 202 002—11 17 3
Wash.....300 206 31x—15 18 2
Judd, Wagner (1), M. Brown (6), Ryba (7), Conroy (8), and Peacock; Scarborough, Carrasquel (7) and Early.
(Second game—Called at end of fourth.)

Indians 10, Sox 0

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—(AP)—The Cleveland Indians defeated the Chicago White Sox, 10 to 0, Tuesday, but the second game was postponed and probably will be played either September 24 or 25 in Cleveland when the White Sox visit there for the last time this season.

Cleveland.....201 020 230—10 15 4
Chicago.....000 000 000—0 7 4
Post and Desautels; Lee, Perme (8) and Dickey.
Second game postponed.

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