

Sports

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Seagull Sluggers 'All Out' for Victory Friday

The Seagull and Wildcat fisticuffs who do battle on Friday night's all-soldiers from Camp Adair punching party at the army won't want for rooters this time, local Legion Commander Ira Filcher reported Tuesday. During the first two shows held in the village there has been noticeably few camp buddies on hand to cheer the battlers on. But this time they'll be there en masse as both fighting outfits have ordered some 250 seat reservations. And 250

howling soldiers should, given things up considerably. Filcher also announces that since this particular card means a rematch with the Bulldogs if the Seagulls can get by the Wildcats, the 'Gulls are demanding the right to replace Judges Spec Keene and Harry Collins with magistrates of their own division. "Not because the 'Gulls figure Keene and Collins are incapable or unfair," says Filcher, "but the Seagulls are going all out this Friday to

get another whack at the Bulldogs and evidently want to leave no stone unturned." "However, Keene and Collins are still the judges for our boxing shows," Filcher declared. "The winning team Friday night will meet the Bulldogs two weeks following." The recent challenge forwarded the Bulldogs by Fort Lewis for the Salem ring next month has inserted more ill-feeling in the boxing ranks at the post, reports Filcher.

"Some of the Adair teams have asked, 'Who the hell does the Bulldog outfit think it is and how come it got the challenge?'" These other teams at Adair which haven't met the Bulldogs in the ring yet are the ones doing the squawking," says Filcher, "but as far as we're concerned, the Bulldogs are the boys to meet the Fort Lewis team now since they haven't been defeated here by another team."

Wyoming 5 Gallops Over Georgetown For National Title

Final Five-Minute Spurt Brings Cowboys 46-34 Win, NCAA Crown

NEW YORK, March 30-(AP)—Wyoming's cowboys turned on the pressure in the last five minutes to win the National Collegiate Athletic Association's basketball title Tuesday night with a 46-34 victory over Georgetown at Madison Square Garden. After battling on even terms for 15 minutes before a crowd of 13,206, the Rocky Mountain five pulled away from a 31-31

Real Holdout



Jeff Heath, shown at work in the Seattle-Tacoma shipyard, says he'll stay right there in the Cleveland Indians can't see things more his way regarding his 1943 baseball stipend.

Cage Coaches Would Dwarf King Sized Basketballers

From the BLEACHERS

By AL LIGHTNER

Add famous visitor to the village: No, 'twasn't Madame Chiang Kai-Shek or Wendell Willkie or even FDR again, but "Mexican" Joe Rivers, one-time topnotcher in the lightweight ranks about the turn of the century—long before we were dropped by Sadie Stork. Our back-shop man Claude Talmage, as ardent a fistic follower as there is, bumped into Rivers in our downtown sector the other day while the latter was en route to the south.

Now 54 and long inactive, Rivers had time enough to talk over a few of the 'old days' with Talmage, during the course of which he revealed something maybe a few of the oldtimers never heard about and which a few more of the younger ringsters might try when they find themselves in a tough spot some time.

It happened during what Rivers termed his toughest fight and against one Georgie Dixon. Dixon was winning easily, so Rivers figured he'd best pull something out of the ol' bag of tricks. With just three rounds left he had his seconds get him a hunk of garlic, chewed the odious morsel and when the next round started Rivers mixed in a little breath-blowing with his swings towards Dixon's eyes.

Half of the Famous Double Kayo

"The results were good," recalled Rivers. "His eyes were affected and I easily took those last three rounds and the fight!" Talmage also tells us that Rivers is the same gent who was half of that famous double-knockout "along about 1909."

"Both Ad Wolgast and Joe connected with punches at the same time and both went down for the count for a double kayo! Far as I know that's the only time that's ever actually happened," quotes Claude.

At present Rivers is apparently on his "uppers." He said he was heading for his brother's place in California and "certainly did wish Tex Rickard hadn't died before he completed his plans for a home for the old worn-out fighters. I'd sure be in it right now," sighed the visitor to our reporter.

Klepper Offers Dierickx Contract

Note from Bill Klepper says "Victory" Tom Holman has done so well with the 70 ducks for the Beaver opener May 5 that he (Klepper) is sending Holman another batch. Maybe Holman has been giving 'em away with each brew order.

Klepper also took our tip on Frankie Dierickx and says he's "written Dierickx at Omaha offering to take him on as soon as he is out of school."

Kittle Now With Oakland

See where Hub Kittle, Spokane's flossy right-hander last summer, has reported to Oakland and anticipates another good season. Somehow whenever we think of Kittle we can't help but chuckle a little as the mention of his name recalls the two times our Bill Johnson deliberately stole home on him last season in Geo. E. Waters park.

When both Kittle and Johnson were playing for Yakima in '39 and '40 they bummed around together, bunned together and were just as they should have been—pals. So when Johnson came flying in on Kittle's windup the first time last summer, which incidentally won that particular game, you could almost see a tear in Hub's eye when later on he asked Bill if that was any way to treat his old roomie and pard.

Second Time and Censored

Sorry, but we can't print what Kittle had to say after the next game the very next night during which Johnson again deliberately pilfered the plate right out from under Relief Pitcher Kittle's nose. We can say, however, that "Ol' Pard" or "Ol' Roomie" definitely wasn't what Hub had to say to his ex-pal.

Besides making Kittle mad enough to commit mayhem and proving there are no such things as pals on the opposite sides of the diamond when the chips are down, those memorable incidents did something else for Kittle which he'll probably still remember as long as he can throw a ball. It isn't the smartest thing in the world to go into your flossy windup when you've got a man on third—especially a guy like Johnson.

Londoners See American Basketball as Game Of 'Pistols, Trumpets'; Giant Meet Starts

LONDON, March 30-(AP)—Under the heading "Pistols and trumpets at Albert Hall," the London press Tuesday enlightened its readers on the American game of basketball.

The occasion for the dissertation was the opening of the US forces tournament in the vast concert auditorium where Yehudi Menuhin conducts his choral society on Handel's Messiah.

The 15,000-square foot carpet has been rolled back to make room for the playing court and the athletes from the

16 competing teams of the army, navy and air force have taken over the artists' dressing rooms for the three day competition. The opening round Tuesday saw the army Fort Rammers defeat a navy five, 23-22, the southern air base whip the air support quintet, 33 to 27 and the London base command score a 45-34 decision over the GI composite outfit.

Five Instead Of Four Fouls Also Favored

NEW YORK, March 30-(AP)—The executive committee of the National Association of College Basketball Coaches went on record Tuesday as favoring the curbing of foul men on the defense, a limit of five personal fouls instead of four and the standardization of equipment including a transparent backboard, rectangular in shape.

The coaches went a step farther than the experiment suggested by the national rules committee on Sunday. They would make it a technical foul for a player reaching above the rim of the basket to tap the ball away from the goal. The rules committee favored calling it a violation and giving the ball out of bounds to the offended team.

The court mentors' executive body also opposed the rules committee's suggested experiment of unlimited substitutions. As to the backboard the coaches would rule out all wooden boards.

The officers were continued for another year with Ed Kelleher of Fordham remaining as president, Ed Hickox of Springfield as first vice-president, W. H. Browne of Nebraska as second vice-president, Marshall Diebold of Carleton as third vice-president and a Valentine Lens of US military academy as secretary-treasurer. Since Lens is in the army, Hickox was named to take over his duties.

Boston Gains Hockey Finals

BOSTON, March 30-(AP)—Rookie Ab Demarco made the red light flash at 3:41 to give the Boston Bruins a 5-4 overtime decision over the Montreal Canadiens and put them into the Stanley cup finals Tuesday night before a packed 14,394 crowd at the Boston garden. It was the Bruins' fourth victory in their five semifinal series starts against the Canadiens and the third overtime triumph.

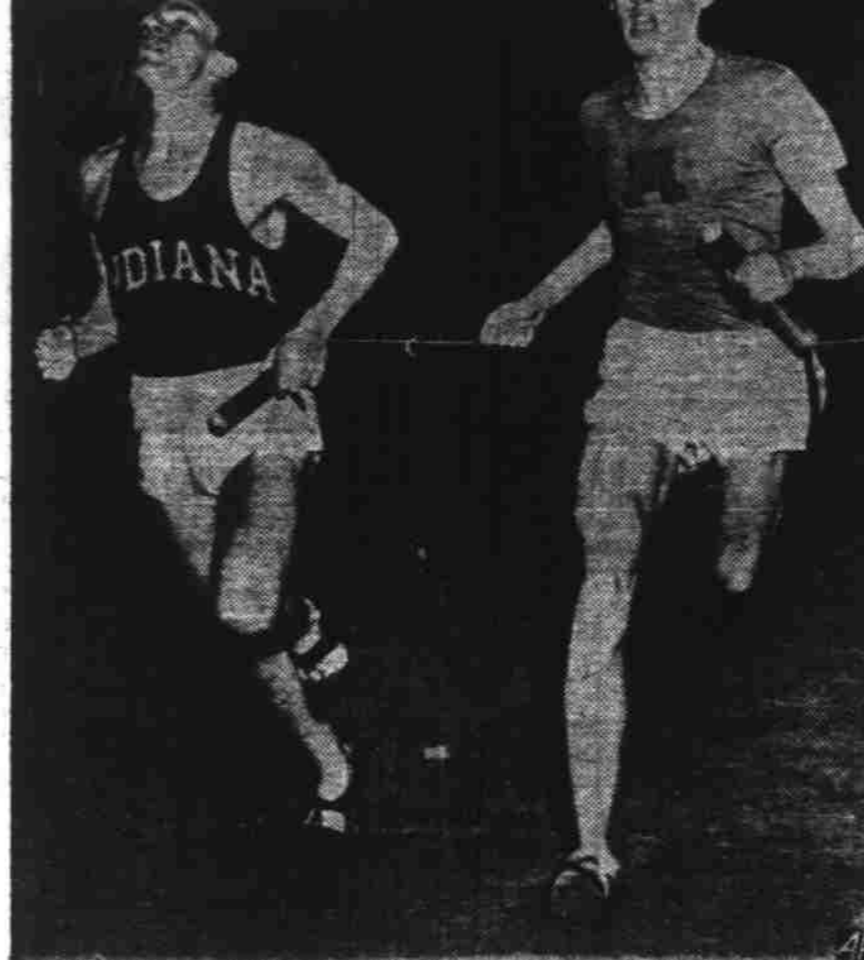
Pays \$742,000 For Basketball, Then Returns It

FORT WAYNE, Ind., March 30-(AP)—A basketball was sold Tuesday night for \$742,000 in war bonds—and then the purchaser promptly gave it back.

The ball was the one with which Central high school of Fort Wayne won the Indiana high school basketball championship ten days ago. It was auctioned off for war bond pledges at a banquet for the team and the successful bidder was the People's Trust and Savings company of Fort Wayne.

Lawrence Mullen, secretary of the bank, said the ball would be given back to the team as a trophy.

TWO'S A CROWD



Harry Price, Indiana, and Ralph Pohland, Minnesota, finish in a dead heat in the one-mile university relay at the Purdue relays.

Bitsy Grant, at 31, 'Nother 'Old Man' to Army Air Corps

ATLANTA, March 30-(AP)—Bitsy Grant, the one-time "mighty atom" of the tennis courts, is just an "old man" by army standards at the age of 31—but he's busier than ever these days as a drill sergeant in the army air corps.

Home on furlough and looking almost chunky, the little guy who bounced up and down through the first ten listings of the US lawn tennis association for a decade says he's given up hope of becoming an aerial gunner.

"I soon learned I'd be on the ground in the air force," he says. "I definitely am an old man in this outfit. Thirty one entitles you to wear a long beard if you can grow one."

"I had my own ideas about what I could do — bombardier, navigator, tail-gunner, and so on—but they took a look at my record and laughed. That put men in the A & R — that's athletics and recreation—and that's that."

"I had Max Baer in my company when I was in California," he says. "He refereed fights and put on clowning exhibitions with the heavyweights. His tales of the money he made in the prize ring would fill a book."

The one-time master of the clay courts still hopes for an overseas assignment. He barely missed one recently, confidently expects he'll make it on the next call.

Speedball Added Woodburn Sports

WOODBURN — Because of the enthusiasm shown by the boys' physical education classes at Woodburn high in the game of speedball, it has been added to the inter-class rivalry competition along with other major sports.

Speedball, a combination of football, basketball and soccer all together, is recommended by the army and navy physical fitness programs because of its roughness and muscle-building qualities.

Coming



Gunnar Haegg, Swedish distance runner who has galloped to claims on almost every event from the mile run up, will appear in the United States this summer for races providing he can obtain transportation from Sweden.

Ott Confronted With Hatching Real Miracle

Giant Club Tagged For Second Division

By SID FEDER

LAKEWOOD, N.J., March 30-(AP)—Looking at it from the point of view of the New York Giants in general and Manager Mel Ott in particular, General Sherman was the all-time free style champion of understatement.

Last year, Manager Mel pulled the Giants into third place in the National league, for one of the neatest tricks of the season, and a goodly number of the boys and girls were bitten by the pennant bug as they looked ahead to 1943.

But since the armed forces finished slicing off talent, not only the pennant possibilities are just about gone, but Manager Mel's going to have to let the what's left together with pieces of wire and string and maybe some bicycle tape in order to stay even within shelling distance of the first division.

There's no doubt that Mel has as tough a job of making one smooth piece out of this ball club as you have trying to paste Aunt Emma's antique vase back together again after junior gets finished working on it. The loss of Johnny Mize, and the trench mortar he used for a bat, naturally, will be the big blow. It left the Giants with only one 1942 regular who batted over .260—and that's Master Melvin himself.

But when you also take away Babe Young, the outfielder who could also pound that potato around, and Harry Danning, the head man of the catching department, and a couple of elbowers like Ken Carpenter and Hal Schumacher, who accounted for 23 wins between them last year, you can see Mel has serious problems.

But Master Mel is an old McGraw man—one of the two still with the club (Carl Hubbell, of course, if the other). And in the accepted tradition, the "oldest" child born at the Polo Grounds—"is bearing down on the giant conditioning program."

"We'll be in good shape for the start of the season," Mel said. "We're getting in a lot of running and the legs of most of the players are in fine shape."

Wilson's Uppercut Smashes Spangler

PHILADELPHIA, March 30-(AP)—Sergeant Jackie Wilson of Mitchell Field, LI, brought an uppercut off the floor and knocked out Joey Spangler of Richmond, Va., 26 seconds before the end of the second round of their 10-round bout Tuesday night.

Later a physician said Spangler's jaw was broken. Wilson weighed 145½, Spangler 153.

NOTES FROM THE

Spring Ball Camps

By The Associated Press

ASBURY PARK, N.J.—Until the New York Yankees learn the draft status of shortstop rookie George Stinnett, Manager Joe McCarthy hasn't any idea concerning his regular infield. Stinnett was in Hartford, Conn., Monday for his draft physical test.

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N.Y.—Joe Medwick, who says that 1943 will be his best year in the majors, blasted out a double and a home run Monday as the Brooklyn Dodgers lost a 9 to 1 verdict to a team made up of Montreal and Durham, N.C., players. Medwick drove in four runs.

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—The Detroit Tigers' hospital list is shrinking. Outfielder Ned Harris, struck on the head by a pitched ball Saturday, rejoins his mates Wednesday, and pitcher Hal White quit the hospital Monday. He was there for treatment of a back injury.

MUNCIE, Ind.—The Pittsburgh Pirates so surprised Manager Frankie Frisch in Tuesday's club game that he ordered another contest for Wednesday.

The regulars, with Elbie Fletcher at first, Pete Coscarart at second, Frankie Gustina at short and Bob Elliott on third, handled 45 chances without a miscue.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo.—Stan Ferns, southpaw hurler who had given no indication of coming to terms with the St. Louis Browns,

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Mrs. Glenn Collett Vore of Philadelphia, Pa., who has won the north and south title five times, defeated Mrs. J. O. Hobson, of New York, 9 and 8. Jane Crum of Orangeburg, S.C., regarded by fans as a strong contender, eliminated Mrs. L. R. Prottus of Portland, Me., 6 and 5.

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