

# USA Adopts Participant Sports as War Project

WASHINGTON, June 16—(AP) Uncle Sam officially adopted participant sports Wednesday as a war project, but spectator sports such as big-time baseball and football were mentioned only incidentally in the proceedings.

The occasion was the first meeting of the new committee on physical fitness of the federal security agency which discussed a campaign for body building activities to improve the quality of human material available to the armed services.

John B. Kelly of Philadelphia, chairman of the committee, keynoted the session with the assertion that "schoolmasters have been spending too much time cramming—but you can't stop Hitler with perfect English."

The noted orator contended the automobile and "other gadgets" had made the nation soft, and said the purpose of the committee was to make America "physically conscious."

Paul V. McNutt, FBA administrator, said the committee and the "war time council on physical fitness" would seek to "promote the fullest assumption of responsibility for physical fitness in schools and colleges, in the various (federal) programing agencies interested in this field, and the establishment of effective state and community organizations."

Transportation problems of high school athletic teams and the question whether to recommend army permission for its trainees to participate in inter-collegiate competition were other matters mentioned for consideration.

Representatives of all government agencies having any connection with sports, and of sports groups and civic organizations interested in physical training, will be included in the war time council to be named later.

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## STATESMAN SPORTS

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor



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# All Military Men, Including Pros, Okehed

By RUSS NEWLAND  
SAN FRANCISCO, June 16—(AP) Sweeping aside eligibility rules to provide a drastic companion piece of legislation to Tuesday's geographical division of the league, the Pacific Coast Conference Wednesday concluded sessions putting college football on a wartime emergency basis, "practically with no holds barred."

Faculty athletic representatives of the conference, heretofore strict in their policy of rigid eligibility regulations, unanimously agreed upon these modifications.

All students in the ten member schools enrolled in army or navy training programs, whether holdovers or assignees from other colleges, will be eligible to compete in football or any other sport on the same basis as civilian registrants.

This complete blanketing of men of the armed forces, continuing studies of military nature, meant that professional football players, if any happen to be on hand, will be eligible to play on the college team. It applies similarly to students who may have finished four years of competition provided they are part of the military program.

In the civilian phase, freshmen, graduate students and special students also will be eligible, with certain reservations. The conference abolished the freshmen rule last year.

The transfer rule—making an athlete shifting from one college to another ineligible for a year—was suspended for the duration, with the exception the transferee may not compete against his old school until he has completed 24 semester hours, the equivalent of two semesters or three quarters of study.

Civilian students who have exhausted four years of athletic competition will be ineligible for further participation.

All civilian students must carry 12 units of study to be eligible for intercollegiate athletics.

Recognizing the possibility the new set-up may see professional and amateur football players manning the same team, the conference decided that a player's standing will not be affected.

In the split up Tuesday the conference was divided into north-south sections. The Universities of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana, and Washington State and Oregon State colleges, make up the northern group. California, Stanford, Southern California and UCLA form the southern division.

Winners of the two sections will meet in a play-off game on a date designated as not later than December 11, for the conference football championship. The winner of the play-off will become the western Rose Bowl representative. In case of a tie game, the New Year's day gridiron plim will be awarded after a vote of the full conference.

Proposals to abandon the present practice of unlimited scouting of rival clubs failed to reach the faculty representatives after the coaches had informally discussed the idea of restrictions.

Full football practice will open September 9 as originally scheduled, a suggestion by Coach Marjorie Swartz for a summer drill after July 1 not being acted upon.

Last season the teams traveled 96,000 miles. Next fall the figure will total 36,000 miles.

The faculty men took additional steps in this direction by banning participation of conference athletic teams outside the western area for the duration. This means the conference will not be represented by team or individual, in such competition as the national collegiate AA and the ICAAAA track and field meets and the former's winter basketball tournament, unless the events are scheduled for the west.

Sommissioner Atherton, whose office was continued on a war basis of half of the normal budget, was authorized to appoint local officials for local games, as well as to go outside the list of eligible officials if none of the latter is available.

Fees for officials handling games was reduced from \$75 to \$50 per game.

# From the BLEACHERS

By AL LIGHTNER

Manager Billy Southworth of the Cardinals, who should know a foul tip from a home run, claims in an article in the Saturday Evening Post that his 1942 Redbird world champs were the greatest team ever to step upon a ball field. Mebbe so, but nobody will ever really know. The Card boss lists reasons why he figures his Yankee killers as the best, but most of them you already know—speed, throwing, take-a-chance, etc.—so we won't list them here.

Now everyone has a right to his own opinion, whether he can speak it out or not, and Southworth is exercising the good old American right of speaking his right out. However, we wonder where he would have been besides at shortstop for the Cardinals when guys like Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Bill Dickey, Tony Lazzeri, Bob Meusel, Earl Combs, Herb Pennock, Waite Hoyt and Co., were on a club called the Yankees? Or perhaps when Gehrig, Dickey, Joe Di Maggio, Joe Gordon, Red Ruffing, Frankie Crosetti, Red Rolfe, George Selkirk, Lefty Gomez and the rest of that gang were putting the boom in the Bombers? Then along about 1940 Connie Mack had a bunch including Mickey Cochrane, Lefty Grove, George Earnshaw, Jimmy Foxx, Mule Haas, Jimmy Dykes, Bing Miller, Rube Walberg, Joe Boley and Al Simmons who managed to win a few games—enough so that Mack conceded to cries of "fer gosh sake break 'em up" when they started winning so dang many.

There's been numerous others, too, since Abner Doubleday started it all some 104 years ago in Cooperstown, N.Y.—in fact enough of them so that Southworth could get himself into some mighty tall arguments from gents cuddled around the hot stoves in any part of the country—even in St. Louis.



LT. BILLY SEWELL

Wrestlers, Turkeys All Doin' Fine

Don Owen, the "Mike Jacobs" of the grunt and groan circuit in Oregon since his father died last year, drops in to tell how both halves of his business are thriving these days. Along with shepherding the muscle men, Owen operates with his brother Elton a large turkey ranch down Eugene way.

"The wrestling shows are really going good in both Portland and Eugene these days," admits the matchmaking gobbler groomer. "Lot different than what it was a year ago. Now we've got so many wrestlers we can't find spots enough to go around for 'em. War work up there attracted them from California, and we've certainly got a flock of good ones."

One such is Tony Ross, recently of Hollywood and one of the leading contenders for the light-heavy title.

The other end of Owen's enterprises, making big Thanksgiving dinners out of little ones, is also prospering in these days of red stamp points. A fire recently killed off some 5000 of the stately birds, but he and brother Elton now have the room and facilities to raise 50,000 of the big cacklers this year.

So brother Owen might be a nice guy to know come November and December.

Grounds & Pickups:

Pvt. Mickey Flax, USMC, back from a San Diego air base for an over-the-weekend stay at home, tells of chinning with Capt. Ernie Nevers, the former Stanford football great. "Wat a man he still is!" reports the ex-Court street sandwich slinger. . . . Jiggs Burnett, Silverton's coach gone over to the arch-enemy Woodburn camp, says "for 500 bucks more per annum who wouldn't?" Jiggs will mentor football, basketball, baseball at Woodburn as well as handle four gym classes and the physical fitness program. Sounds like he'll extra the extra 500. . . . Washington State's Billy Sewell is now Lt. William Sewell and stationed both at Geiger Field, Spokane, and at first base on the post's ball club. Chances are Lt. Rex Adolph could be giving him a few pointers on the initial burlap station. . . . Big Mike Budnick, who tossed many a victory in the WFL while with Spokane, is now one of those Pasco Flyer moundmen and the other day polished off Fort Lawton's band of ex-WILers 3-0, allowing only three hits.

The Sports Front, 15 Years Ago:

June 17, 1928—Semifinals in the Elks' golf tourney at Illahee will be played Sunday and the finals a week following. Henry Small and Brazier Small will play off this afternoon to determine which of the two will oppose C. F. Cone in the lower bracket of the semifinals Sunday. Walter Page and Earl Fisher are matched in the upper bracket. The keens trophy was won by Charles Cone in a grueling match with Henry Small, in which 20 holes were played before victory was decided.

Haegg, Dodds Gallop Looms

CHICAGO, June 16—(AP) Gunder Haegg, the Swedish distance runner, is scheduled to meet two-miler Greg Rice and may also face miler Gil Dodds, Boston divinity student, during the Central AAU track meet the night of July 2 at Soldier field, Chicago's mammoth waterfront stadium.

Herman Fisher, chairman of the Central AAU, said present plans call for Haegg to meet Rice in a two-mile duel and Dodds in a mile run if the Swedish star feels in condition for two appearances in one evening.

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# Bevo Luckies Trip Sacs, Hop to Fifth

PORTLAND, June 16—(AP) The Portland Lucky Beavers edged Sacramento, 3-1, Wednesday night and evened their current Pacific Coast league series with the Solons. Joe Orrell of the Beavers and Bud Byerly of the Sacs opposed each other, both going freely. Portland touched Byerly for 10 blows while the Senators found Orrell's offerings for 11.

The Beavers managed to bunch their hits enough in the fourth and sixth frames to count once in the former and twice in the latter for the win. Sacramento managed to put one across in the seventh.

Coupled with Hollywood's loss to San Francisco, Portland's win enabled the Beavers to replace the Stars as the No. 5 club in the league by half 7 game.

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Portland . . . 000 102 00—3 10 1  
Byerly and Malone; Orrell and Adams.

# Pro Gridders Face Changes

Don Ameche Likely New Buffalo Boss

By CHARLES DUNKLEY  
CHICAGO, June 16—(AP) The old song, "There'll Be Some Changes Made," sounds like the theme song for the national football league.

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# All Favorites Come Through

Pauline Betz Paces Clay Courts Tennis

By WATSON SPOELSTRA  
DETROIT, June 16—(AP) Led by top-seeded Pauline Betz of Los Angeles and Billy Talbert of Cincinnati, all favorites stuck doggedly in the running Wednesday in the 33rd national clay courts tennis championships.

Miss Betz, top-ranking national women's player from Rollins college, Fla., gained two quick victories to lead the advance into the semi-finals of her division. After completing a 6-0, 6-3 triumph over hard-hitting Jeanne Duan of Des Moines, Ia., in match carried over from Tuesday, Miss Betz polished off Mildred Strivast of Detroit 6-2, 6-9.

Talbert, the nation's No. 5 performer, made a successful debut in the clay court event by defeating Kimbark Peterson of Detroit, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2. This put Talbert in the third round where he was joined by defending champion Seymour Greenberg of Chicago, who downed William Gifford, West Hartford, Conn., 6-3, 6-1, 6-1. Greenberg is seeded second.

Talbert's next start is against young Fred Otto of Grosse Pointe Park, Mich., but Greenberg has a real test ahead in lanky Robert Odman, University of Washington star, who blasted out a 6-3, 6-2, 6-1 triumph over Frank Skierski of Detroit.

# Senator Rally Stops Yankees

WASHINGTON, June 16—(AP) A five-run rally in the eighth and young Milt Haefner's brilliant relief hurling gave Washington an 8 to 3 victory over the New York Yankees before 21,000 customers Wednesday night. The win cut the Yankees' lead over the second place Senators to three games.

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Washington's 002 100 05x-8 6 1  
Byrne, Turner (8) and Sears; Wynn, Haefner (4) and Early.

# Draft Board Calls Erault

HOLLYWOOD, June 16—(AP) Eddie Erault, 18-year-old Hollywood Stars pitcher who has won five games and lost six this season, notified club officials Wednesday he has been ordered to report to his Portland draft board July 6 for a physical examination.

He said he plans to leave the Stars July 3 or 4.

# Phillies 2, Braves 0

PHILADELPHIA, June 16—(AP) Unshaken by a test blackout that interrupted the game for 45 minutes, Veteran Sid Johnson pitched three-hit ball Wednesday night to handcut the Boston Braves as the Philadelphia Phillies won 2-0.

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Tobin and Mast; Johnson and Livingston.

# Angels 8, Acorns 2

OAKLAND, Calif., June 16—(AP) Los Angeles defeated Oakland, 8 to 2, in a Coast league twilight baseball game Wednesday behind the effective pitching of Jone Phipps.

Los Angeles 240 020 00—8 13 1  
Oakland . . . 001 000 001—2 9 1  
Phipps and Helm; Chelini, Stormme (3) and Raimond.

# Walker's Streak Stopped

Vander Meer Portsides Cincy To 11-Inning Win Over Cards

ST. LOUIS, June 16—(AP) A three-run outburst in the eleventh inning, sparked by Eddie Miller's double which scored two counters, gave the Cincinnati Reds a 4 to 1 triumph over the world champion Cardinals Wednesday night. Harry Walker's hitting streak was stopped at 22 consecutive games.

It was a big night for Johnny Vander Meer, ace Cincy south-paw. Not only did he stop Walker's streak cold but practically halted the rest of the Redbirds just as effectively. In all Vandy gave up five hits.

The Cards' Lefty Howard Pollett portside with Vander Meer all the way, giving up the first Cincinnati run in the fifth, then the three in the eleventh. St. Louis is scored in the fourth.

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St. Louis 000 100 000 00—1 5 4  
Vander Meer and Mueller; Pollett and Cooper.

# Red Sox 3, Mackmen 2

BOSTON, June 16—(AP) Babe Barna's debut with the Boston Red Sox was a complete success Wednesday, as he scored the ninth inning run that gave his teammates a 3-2 victory over the Philadelphia Athletics.

And as an added attraction the left fielder recently acquired from the New York Giants made a nice catch off Jim Tyack in the fourth.

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Boston . . . 100 000 101—3 11 0  
Arntsen and Wagner; Terry and Parcoe.

# Houtchens Hurls Win

BEND, June 16—(AP) Bob Houtchens, former Oregon State league pitcher, limited the Camp Abbott baseball team to six scattered hits Tuesday as Bend's Elks won, 11-1.

# Navy Accepts Willie Pep

HARTFORD, Conn., June 16—(AP) Willie Pep of Hartford, recognized by the New York boxing commission as world's featherweight champion, passed his physical examination for military service Wednesday and was sworn into the navy.

# Ott's Homer Nips Bums 3-2

NEW YORK, June 16—(AP) Manager Mel Ott saw to it that Rube Fischer got off to a winning start in a Giants uniform Wednesday as the New Yorkers whipped the Brooklyn Dodgers 3-2 for their second straight triumph over their interborough rivals.

With the Giants trailing 1-0 and Sid Gordon on third as the result of a triple, Ott poked Bobo Newsum's first pitch to him for his 6th homer of the season.

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New York . . . 000 002 01x—3 8 1  
Newsum and Owen; Fischer and Mancuso.

# Lien Defeats Hollies, 9-4

HOLLYWOOD, June 16—(AP) San Francisco thumped Hollywood again Wednesday, 9 to 4, Lefty Al Lien registering his fifth straight victory. The Solons combed Roy Joiner and Faye Thomas for 12 hits, including a homer by Don Trower.

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Lien and Sprinz; Joiner, Thomas (9) and Brenzel, Hill (9).

# Young Portlander Hurls 5th No-No

PORTLAND, June 16—(AP) Hurling his fifth no-hit, no-run game, Don Johnson led his American Legion baseball team, Albina Engine & Machine works to a 11-0 victory over Commerce Tuesday. Johnson whiffed 16 batters in the seven-inning tilt.

It was Johnson's third no-hitter in Legion baseball. The other two were in Portland high school play.

Looking at the entry list on a sectional basis, California appears to have the sprint, the pole vault, the 400-meter run and a couple of weight events all wrapped up for delivery.

But as far as the spectators, and the track-minded country at large for that matter, are concerned, the feature of the day will be of course the long heralded debut in this country of the Swift Swede, Gunder Haegg. Still working out daily in his New Hampshire camp preparing for his debut, Haegg will contest Gregory Rice at 5000 meters Sunday.

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