

SPORTS TRAIL

BY WHITNEY MARTIN

NEW YORK, June 26.—(AP)—At a time when most of the major league clubs are too overcome by current difficulties to worry much about the future, the Brooklyn Dodgers quietly are going about the business of solving post-war problems, particularly concerning manpower.

Not that the Dodgers haven't pressing problems of their own right now. They have the short-stop position, for one thing. And they have the St. Louis Cardinals, a problem common to the rest of the league. Anyway, while the other clubs are too busy bawling to worry about what might happen if they reach shore, the Dodgers are lining up just about all the young fellows in the country who have a yen for baseball, and are labeling them and pigeon-holding them for future reference.

It's the old Rickey system of getting them young, treating them right and telling them everything, including the great future in store for them if they string along with Mr. Rickey and his organization. Most of the minor leaguers are in mothballs for the duration, so the young fellows with baseball aspirations don't know just how to go about making connections with some pro outfit. And with the farm system also pretty well shot, the major clubs miss the opportunity to look over and develop these embryo stars.

Branch Rickey, jr., in charge of the Dodger farm system, or what is left of it, has taken steps which not only will make a lot of young fellows Dodger-minded after the war, but will assure the good will of thousands of volunteer scouts who are anxious to see a worthy lad made good.

Branch, jr., sent out 20,000 letters to high school coaches throughout the country, courteously asking them to forward what information they had as to boys who might develop into major league ball players. To date more than 1,500 answers have been received, and, if the sponsors are right in their judgement, some of the boys recommended, are hum-dingers.

"Most of them are 16 and 17-year-olds," Rickey explains, "but you'd be surprised at their physical qualifications. They are big, husky lads. Naturally they'll be taken in the draft when they're 18, but we have a line on them, and after the war..."

The Dodgers will look over personally as many of the boys as possible. A series of about 20 baseball schools is planned for this summer, with the boys invited to attend the one most convenient. "Most of the recommendations seem sound, and we are able to crosscheck in some cases when a boy is mentioned by more than one coach. Sometimes, though, a coach just likes a boy and feels that he might make good because he was a good basketball player or went to bed at 9 every night."

Aside from the natural self-interest of the Dodgers, the idea is sound in that it maintains the active interests of boys in the game at a time when they might drift away from it.

It is as sound, in fact, as the idea of Stanley Freeze of Indianapolis, Ind. Freeze, widely known college sports official, has undertaken the task of organizing boys teams in his state under what might be called a trade name of Indiana Junior baseball.

He expects to have 5,000 boys' teams organized this summer, and has visions of the project spreading over the country. He's doing it because he likes boys and wants to do it, and without a selfish motive.

Combine Freeze's plan with the Dodger idea and you're going to have a lot of baseball-minded young men around and about when the war is over.



Browns' Basher
Although the St. Louis Browns are in the American league cellar, the fielding and hitting of Shortstop Vernon Stephens has been nothing short of sensational this year. He's expected to leave for the army shortly, however.

Segura Snares NCAA Crown

Sensational Netter Wins Straight Sets

By DAVE HOFF
EVANSTON, Ill., June 26.—(AP) Francisco "Pancho" Segura, as he had said he would, was a better tennis player Saturday than he was Friday, when he was sensational. Consequently he had little trouble in beating Tom Brown, jr., of California to become the singles champion of the 59th national collegiate athletic association tournament.

The scores were 6-2, 6-1, 6-3, and don't think that Brown himself wasn't an excellent and game performer Saturday—but he wasn't good enough. Colorful little Pancho, who came to the United States two years ago from his native Ecuador and now attends the University of Miami, won this championship match Saturday as he had all his other four contests in this six-day meet—in straight sets. And in all of them his opponent never won more than three games. Segura was that much better than the others in the meet.

Dodgers Nose Phillies 3-2

PHILADELPHIA, June 26.—(AP)—Kirby Higbe failed to go the route in winning his fourth game of the season Saturday but he struck the blow that gave the Brooklyn Dodgers a 3 to 2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Although it didn't seem so vital at the time, the pitcher's seventh inning homer proved to be the margin of victory, for the Phillies struck back in the eighth with one run that brought Buck Newsom on the scene and then counted another in the ninth before Ed Head quieted the rally. The circuit drive was the first of Higbe's Major league career.

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Philadelphia..... 000 000 011-2 7 0
Higbe, Newsom (8), and Owen; Kraus, Fuchs (2), Dietz (3) and Livingston.

Season Split Put to Vote

PORTLAND, Ore., June 26.—(AP)—W. H. Klepper, manager of the Portland Beaves, said Saturday night Coast League baseball officials had called for a telegraphic vote on a proposal to split the season.

Klepper said he would vote in favor of the split schedule "if Los Angeles and San Francisco teams also want it." Los Angeles currently is leading the Coast league by 12½ games. San Francisco is in second place.

Russell Okehs Angel Terms

LOS ANGELES, June 26.—(AP)—Rip Russell, first baseman who refused to report to the Chicago Cubs last spring, has changed his mind about baseball and probably will sign a contract with the Los Angeles club Sunday or Monday.

Round Table Dickers For Baseball Games

SPOKANE, Wash., June 26.—(AP)—Athletic round table officials said Saturday they were opening negotiations with the Los Angeles baseball club, and possibly later with Portland, for a meeting between one of the Pacific Coast league teams and the Pasco Naval Air Station Flyers.

Bucs 9, Reds 0

CINCINNATI, June 26.—(AP)—Taking full advantage of Johnny Vander Meer's wildness and the general ineffectiveness of the whole Cincinnati ball club, the Pittsburgh Pirates hammered out a 9-0 victory Saturday to strengthen their hold on third place in the National league.

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Cincinnati..... 000 000 000-0 3 2
Butcher and Lopez; Vandermeer, Housler (3), Stone (9) and Mueller, Lakeman (6).

BIG SIX In Baseball

By the Associated Press

Weather Making Both Playground Pools Boom

With the advent of summer weather—finally—both Leslie and Olinger playground swimming pools did a booming business yesterday. Leslie's new system of stamping every swimmer on the wrist with a number revealed that exactly 400 passed through the gates to the pool yesterday. Out north at Olinger a total of 400 took a dip or lined the cement apron. The rains week before last limited the number of bathers at Leslie to 575 in all. It was just about the same at Olinger. But summer weather upped that figure to around the 1200 mark at both places last week up until Saturday. Sun beating on the water has apparently had a tendency to warm it considerably, also, as the swimmers are not now quite as reluctant to take a dip as they were two weeks ago.

STATESMAN SPORTS By Al Lightner, Sports Editor

Whoa, Danny!



Danny Litwiler, St. Louis Cardinals outfielder, slides safely into third base in game against Cincinnati. Third sacker is Steve Mesner, with Sacramento of Pacific Coast league last year. Umpire is Babe Pinell, also a former Coast leaguer.

Nats Advance With 4-1 Win

WASHINGTON, June 26.—(AP)—Early Wynn batted Jesse Flores in a hurling duel Saturday night as Washington defeated the Philadelphia Athletics, 4 to 1. Bob Johnson of the Senators clouted a home run with a mate on base in the first inning. The victory advanced the second-place Senators to a game and a half behind the pace setting New York Yankees, who lost to Boston. Wynn limited the A's to five blows and never was in serious trouble. Philadelphia's run came in the second on a walk to Dick Siebert and singles by Hal Wagner and Irvin Hall.

400 Entries In Dog Show

SEATTLE, June 26.—(AP)—The Seattle Kennel club Saturday night reported an entry list of nearly 400 dogs for its one-day open air American Kennel club show at the Seattle Riding Academy a week from Sunday. Proceeds will go to a fund for convalescent service men. Prizes will be ribbons and war stamps. There will be horse riding exhibitions during intermissions.

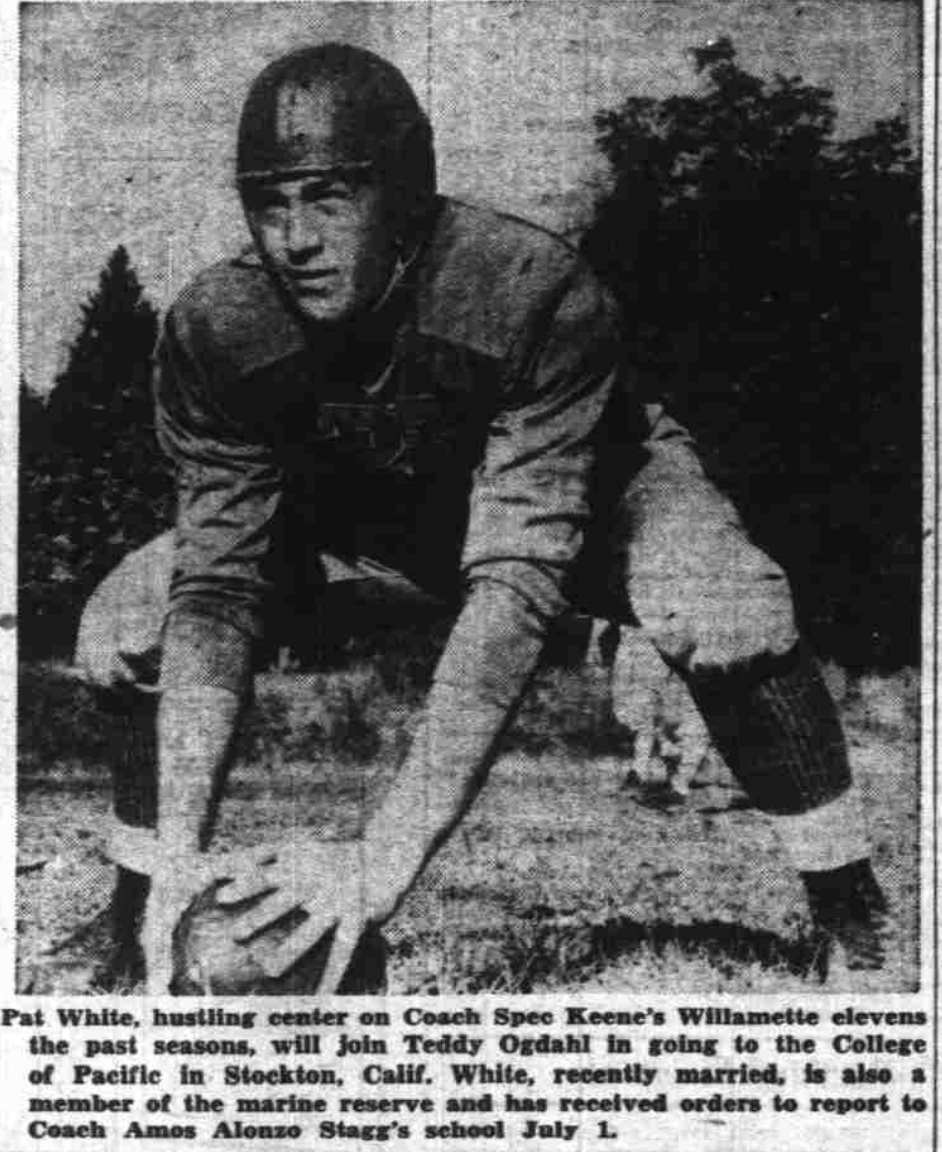
75 Entries In NCAA Golf

CHICAGO, June 26.—(AP)—The names of 75 college golfers from 21 schools and universities were chalked up on their Olympia Fields country club's big scoreboard Saturday as many of the players toured the course turning up for the National Collegiate Athletic association meet which opens Monday. Ernie Jacobs of Washington is the only far west entry.

How They STAND

Table with columns for League, Team, W, L, Pct. Includes National League, American League, and Pacific Coast League standings.

Pat's Gonna Be A Tiger, Too



Pat White, hustling center on Coach Spec Keene's Willamette eleven the past seasons, will join Teddy Ordahl in going to the College of Pacific in Stockton, Calif. White, recently married, is also a member of the marine reserve and has received orders to report to Coach Amos Alonzo Stagg's school July 1.

WAACs' Hopes Rest on Former Star in Women's Western Open

By CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN
CHICAGO, June 26.—(AP)—Beatrice Gottlieb Martel, one of the dominating figures in women's golf a decade ago, will carry the hopes of the WAACs' in the women's western open "salute to victory" tournament starting Monday.

Mrs. Martel was well known in amateur circles by her maiden name, Beatrix Gottlieb, and in the pro field as Virginia Mapes. She is a veteran of 27 years experience, starting her career by winning the New York City championship at the age of 16. She has been working nights at her station in Norfolk, Va., devoting days to practicing for this tournament and instructing a WAAC class in golf.

Falkenburg Plays Brink for Title

SEATTLE, June 26.—(AP)—What may be a preview of the National Junior tennis finals will be seen Sunday when Bobby Falkenburg, Hollywood, Calif., meets Jim Brink, Seattle, for the Seattle city tennis men's singles championship.

Sox 3, Tribe 2

CLEVELAND, June 26.—(AP)—After giving only four blows in eight innings, lefty Chubby Dean permitted two Chicago runs in the ninth and the White Sox won a 3 to 2 victory over the Indians in Cleveland stadium Saturday.

Braves Beat Hubbell

NEW YORK, June 26.—(AP)—Carl Hubbell's bid for his fourth straight victory of the season failed Saturday when the Boston Braves blasted him from the mound in the seventh as they made it two straight over the New York Giants with a 3 to 1 victory.

AP Correspondent Reveals New Coordination Plan Between Allied Air, Ground Forces Used In Winning Superiority Over Foe in Tunisia

(Coordination of ground and air forces has been a subject of hot debate ever since the birth of military air power. Independence plus cooperation is the answer found in Africa, says Wes Gallagher, formerly in charge of Associated Press coverage in that area.)

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Should the air forces or the ground forces be in supreme command during a battle? This burning tactical question which is still debated fiercely in Britain and America has been solved in North Africa.

The answer is "neither." The first steps in solving the problem were taken by two tough minded men, each extremely jealous of their respective arms. They were slig hit, big eared and belligerent air chief marshal Sir Arthur Tedder and the eighth army's cocky commander, General Bernard Montgomery.

Another fierce advocate of air power, red haired and taciturn Lieutenant General Carl "Tooney" Spaatz, American commander of the northwest African air forces, worked out the final form of the new battle tactics.

The problem has nothing to do with the broader policy of whether the war can be won by bombing alone. That is something which remains to be seen.

Generals and air marshals, even the milder ones, are difficult characters. They are used to having their commands observed and expect to be in command of everything in their areas. Tedder and Montgomery are definitely not of the milder type. When they first met in the desert a year ago as Rommel battered at the gates of Egypt they might well have become keen rivals.

Most ground generals wish to have the air forces under their thumbs where they can call upon them as needed, but Montgomery had a different idea. All he wanted was "air superiority" so that his troops would not be held up by axis planes.

He did not feel that it was up to him to tell the air force how to do it. In substance he told Tedder, "I don't care how you get it—that's entirely up to you."

Tedder, for his part, uttered a few words of warning. He said the RAF and American air forces would get superiority, but that Montgomery's forces were not to expect to have every ME109 or JU87 combed out of their hair, nor to see great clouds of planes overhead all day for moral support.

Tedder's tactics were simple. Before an offensive he turned his entire strength against the enemy airfields. Hours after hour he hammered the fields until he caught their planes on the ground and wiped them out. Instead of trying to cut off the branches of the tree he cut it off at the roots. When he had knocked out the Luftwaffe he turned to Montgomery and said, "You have your air superiority and now what do you want us to do to help your troops?"

Montgomery would then give Tedder a list of targets, usually artillery positions, which were proving obstacles to his tanks and infantry. Tedder would then turn his force against these targets, confident there would be no opposition.

While Tedder and Montgomery were putting these tactics into operation the allied forces landing in North Africa were having their air troubles. General Anderson's first army was making its abortive drive for Tunis and Bizerte that failed by just 48 hours. The few planes available were placed under Anderson's personal command. The half dozen Spitfires and Lightnings available for each local patrol were met by dozens of ME109s and FW190s and wiped out of the air. The Luftwaffe then bombed the first army to a halt.

General Eisenhower then called Spaatz from England to rebuild his tattered air forces.

It took most of the winter to meet the Luftwaffe on equal terms and then Tedder arrived as supreme commander for air in the Mediterranean and he and Spaatz created a new type of air force.

They divided the planes under their command according to types into two air forces, tactical and strategic.

The tactical air force was assigned the task of ground support. It's job was the same as Tedder's had been in Egypt and Libya. It was given almost all the fighters, all the light bombers and some of the medium bombers.

The strategic air force, composed of the long range fighters, Flying Fortresses and other heavy bombers with some medium bombers, was assigned the job of knocking out the axis supply lines by bombing harbors and docks.

How well the Tedder-Spaatz-Montgomery tactics worked was shown in the complete air superiority enjoyed by the allies in the Mediterranean, which enabled them to bomb Pantelleria into submission.

Pantelleria was another example of dual battle command. The ground forces were waiting and ready to assault the Italian island fortress but Spaatz and Tedder said, "We can do it alone. Just wait."

It is doubtful if the larger islands will fall to air power alone, but when the allies land they will have little to worry about from the Luftwaffe.

Juveniles Arrested

Bend's police chief, Everett Rambo, said the arrest of two juveniles cleared up six recent burglaries but reported two jewelry stores lost \$2,000 worth of merchandise in Friday night burglaries.

Accident Fatal

A motorcycle spill fatally injured Ernest Luckow, 28, Sandy, New Wynn.

Hunters Here's Application For 1943 Special Game Tags

Hunters wondering who, how or where to apply for special game tags need look no further. Below is the official form issued by the Oregon state game commission. Clip it out and fill it in, then send it along with proper fee to the Oregon state game commission, 616 Oregon building, Portland. The sooner you send it the better.

(Note: This form is prepared for convenience of hunters in making applications for special game tags by Oregon Statesman.)

Application form with fields for Name, Address, Number and Kind of Hunting License, and Fees.

Table with columns for Kind, Resident, and Non-Resident fees for various hunting licenses.

If by August 16 more applications are received than the specified number of tags to be issued a drawing will be held to determine the issuance. Otherwise all applications on hand August 16 will be filled and remainder of tags sold in the order applications are received until supply is exhausted.

OPEN SEASONS
Antelope: September 18 to October 3.
Deer: October 1 to November 3 (except Hart Mountain).
Hart Mountain Refuge: October 9 to October 24.
Elk: October 26 to November 30.
Bull Elk Tags will be on sale at license agencies throughout the state and may be bought at any time prior to or during the season.



WREN BLACKSMITH—Swinging the hammer in the blacksmith's shop at a British submarine base, a member of the WRNS tries a new job—helping in maintenance of engines on subs.



CAPT. GABLE—The picture of Capt. Clark Gable, USAAF gunnery instructor now in England, was made as he walked around his Flying Fortress at a British field.