

1951 Was a Great Year in Sports World

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One of the most amazing pen- in Major League his- the one big bright sports scene during ar which saw more less feats take the

against the New York Yankees seemed almost anti-climactic. But the Yankees, as in two pre- vious years, took home the world championship, four games to two, by winning the last three straight.

From January through Decem- ber, the sports world was rocked by basketball "fixes" linking the top teams and players in the country. Right now, the bribery scandals are far from cleaned up.

Following these black marks on the scene, the Army football team suffered a crushing blow when 90 cadets, many of them top grid players, were expelled from the academy for "cribbing."

This scandal was soon follow- ed by the expose of unchecked commercialism of star athletes by colleges and their alumni. This, like the fix scandals, re- mains a still-unsolved problem on the athletic front.

A quick review of 1951 fol- lows:

BASEBALL: Four new man- agers were chosen during the year. Tommy Holmes replaced Billy Southworth for the Boston Braves; Phil Cavarretta took over for Frankie Frisch for the Chicago Cubs; Lou Boudreau succeeded Steve O'Neill for the Boston Red Sox; and Marty Marion was replaced by Ed

Stanky for the St. Louis Car- dinals.

Commissioner A. B. "Happy" Chandler was voted out of of- fice by major league magnates, and was replaced by Ford Frick. Warren Giles, of Cincinnati, was in turn named National League president, replacing Frick. In another stock turnover, Bill Veeck returned to baseball, this time with the St. Louis Browns, and named Rogers Hornsby as manager.

There were four no-hitters in the major leagues. Allie Rey- nolds of the New York Yankees hurled two of them. Cliff Cham- bers of Pittsburgh one (he was later traded to the Cardinals), and Bobby Feller pitched his third of all time.

Baseball also lost one of its immortals when Joe DiMaggio, Yankee outfielder for the past 15 years, announced his retire- ment from the game. Jimmy Fox and Mel Ott were elected to the Hall of Fame; the Na- tional team defeated the Ameri- cans 8-3 in the All-Star game; Roy Campanella was named most valuable in the National circuit, and Yogi Berra earned similar honors in the American loop; Gil McDougald, Yanks, was selected rookie of the year; while Stan Musial, Cards, and Ferris Fain, A's, won the batting titles.

BASKETBALL: The fix scan- dals, which hit such noted cage powers as Kentucky, Long Is- land, CCNY, Manhattan and Bradley gained most notice. In- cluded among the players in- volved were Sherman White, LIU's All-American, Gene Mel- chiorre, Bradley star, and Ralph Beard and Alex Groza, Ken- tucky All-Americans. All told, over 30 players were involved, and at present Kentucky is in- volved in another investigation.

While this was being uncov- ered, Kentucky won the NCAA title with a 68-58 triumph over Kansas State; Brigham Young won the NIT crown with a 62-43 triumph over Dayton; and Columbia finished unbeaten, af- ter 31 straight wins, but the Lions lost to Illinois in the NCAA Eastern playoffs. The Rochester Royals annexed the pro crown with a 79-73 win over the N. Y. Knicks.

BOXING: Jersey Joe Walcott, Ray Robinson, and Randy Tur- pin shared honors in this sport. Ageless Walcott scored an up- set knockout over Ezzard Char- les to annex the heavyweight title after losing to him earlier in the year by decision. Rob- inson won the middleweight ti- tle from Jake LaMotta in Janu- ary; lost it to Britain's unher- ald Randy Turpin by decision in July, and won it back from Turpin via a 10th round TKO in September.

Jimmy Carter won the light- weight title with a surprise TKO over Ike Williams; Johnny Bratton won the welterweight crown from Charley Fusari but then lost it to Kid Galivan; Kid Matthews remained a top con- tender in the light-heavy ranks; and Joe Louis, far past his peak, suffered an eighth-round knock- out at the hands of Rocky Graciano.

FOOTBALL: Several well- known schools dropped the sport because of financial prob- lems. Georgetown and St. Mary's, Cal., folded before the season, while San Francisco and Loyola dropped out in late De- cember. There were several coaching changes including: Wes Fesler of Minnesota; Len Casa- nova at Oregon; Woody Hayes at Ohio State; and Chuck Tay- lor at Stanford.

Pennsylvania, for a time, de- fied the NCAA television ban and was made a member "not in good standing." Later Penn abided by the video plan and was reinstated. Tennessee was voted the No. 1 team; Prince- ton's Dick Kazmaier won the Heisman Trophy; USC's Ollie Matson was the leading scoring in the country with 126 points; Clemson and Maryland were expelled from the Southeastern Conference for accepting bowl games without conference sanc- tion; Drake's Johnnie Bright was the victim of questionable football tactics which later led to Drake and Bradley dropping from the Missouri Valley con- ference.

In the pro ranks, the Los An- geles Rams dethroned the Cleve- land Browns 24-17 in the title contest; the Baltimore Colts dropped out of the National Football League; George Ratter- man was reinstated with the New York Yanks after playing in Canada; and Bo McMillan of the Eagles, Dick Todd of the Redskins, and Jim Phelan of the Yanks were new coaches.

GOLF: Ben Hogan and Lloyd Mangrum took most of the hon- ors in this sport. Hogan com- pleted his domination of the golfing scene by winning his first Masters' title and follow- ing with a triumph in the U.S. Open. To top it off, "Bantam Ben" won the world's links crown at Tam O'Shanter. Man- grum was leading money winner for the year. Billy Maxwell captured the National Amateur crown.

Wyn Dick Chapman won the British Amateur; the U. S. Walker Cup team defeated Great

Olympic Skiers Lead Cougars

SUN VALLEY — (P)—Veteran Wendell Broomhall, Rumford, Me., led the pack Monday in an in- formal cross-country event between U. S. Olympic skiers and a team from Washington State College.

Broomhall, 32, and the oldest man on the team, covered the seven-mile course in 44 minutes flat.

Second place was copied by Si Dunklee, Kents Hill, Me. Dunklee, an alternate on the Olympic team who will not make the trip to Eu- rope unless he is financed by pri- vate sources, was timed at 46:11.6.

O'Brien Twins Spark Seattle to Victory

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — (P)—Sparked by the O'Brien twins, Seattle University scored a 68-66 basketball victory over the Camp Pendleton Marines here Monday night.

The twins—Eddie and Johnny—pint-sized guards, are only 5 feet, 9 inches, short for basketball players. They scored 51 points between them. Eddie sent in the winning basket in the last 60 seconds.

Johnny sent in 38 points, to grab scoring honors for the night, al- though he was out part of the game. He bruised his hip when he fell under the Pendleton bas- ket as he came in for a lay-up shot. Eddie chalked up 12 points, second high for Seattle.

Oakridge Meets Lowell In Thursday Contest

Oakridge swings back into bas- ketball action Thursday night when the Warriors host Lowell in a Valley League contest. Oakridge has yet to post a Valley triumph, after two straight losses to Junc- tion City. The Red Devils, likewise, are winless after one Valley start. The game will start at 8 p.m., with a "B" squad preliminary at 6:30.

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