

Front Line Men Backing Baseball, Veterans Assert

By Richard C. Glass
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Miami, Fla., Jan. 16 (UP)—Three returning veterans of a major league baseball, who talked with servicemen in a 35,000-mile tour of the China-Burma-India theater, agreed today that interest in the sport is keener there than back home in America.

The trio, Manager Luke Sewell of the American league champion St. Louis Browns, Fred (Dixie) Walker of the Brooklyn Dodgers, and Paul Waner of the New York Yankees, talked themselves hoarse, they said, in attempting to answer hundreds of questions on baseball for the G.I.'s.

The baseball men, who arrived yesterday by plane along with Arthur Patterson, New York Herald-Tribune sports writer, comprised one of the five units sent out by the major leagues in connection with the United Service organizations for entertaining servicemen overseas.

Like Baseball

"Wherever we went we found the fellows keenly interested in baseball," Sewell said. "They asked a thousand or more questions and we did our level best to answer them. Sometimes we were stumped."

In some areas, Waner said, baseball news travels fast, while in others there was still some doubt as to which of the St. Louis club had won the world series.

Walker, who amazed baseball by winning the National league batting championship with the highest average of his long career last season, said that his Brooklyn Dodgers came in for most of the attention in the quizzing bees.

"They wanted to know how long it would be before my boss, Branch Rickey, will be building us a championship team, and if they had raised the prices of bleacher seats at Ebbets field, how the hot dogs tasted there now, and a dozen other things like that," Walker said.

The routine of their show consisted of showing pictures of the 1944 world series, distributing autographed baseballs, and telling diamond anecdotes. After that they turned the sessions over to questioning.

"And, boy, did they let us have it," Sewell exclaimed.

Patterson said that the question of whether G.I.'s should be permitted to continue to play baseball came up only once, shortly after the announcement by War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes that he had asked selective service to review the deferments of 4-F athletes.

Typical of G. I. comment, Patterson said, was that of Pvt. Edwin Ohlman of Valentine, Nehr. "Stop baseball? Who's gonna do that? How many men do you need for two big leagues anyhow?"

DUTCH REUTHER QUITS

Chicago, Jan. 16 (UP)—Chicago Cubs baseball scout Walter (Dutch) Reuther, a former "big league" pitcher, has resigned to devote his time to other business.

Reuther played on the Cubs, Cincinnati Reds and Brooklyn Dodgers teams during his active major league career. He announced his resignation yesterday.

Out Our Way



HEROES ARE MADE - NOT BORN

By J. R. Williams

Quarterly Ratings Of Fighters Given

Paterson, N. J., Jan. 16 (UP)—Abe J. Greene, president of the National Boxing association, proposed today that international matches be revived as a wartime stimulant to Allied unity.

His proposal, made simultaneously with the release of the N. B. A.'s quarterly ratings, suggested that international competition could be opened with a United States match between flyweights Jackie Patterson of England and Dado Marino of Hawaii.

Such a match would not only revive interest in the nearly forgotten 112-pound division, Greene said, but it would recall for the world's boxing fans the ring epic between Jimmy Wilde of England and Pancho Villa of the Philippines, fought at New York in 1923.

Would Be For Title

The proposed bout would be for the world flyweight title, like the Wild-Villa battle, because England's Patterson is recognized as champion by the N. B. A., and Hawaii's Marino—of the U. S. army—is rated runner-up.

Here are the top men in the N. B. A. quarterly ratings, with divisional champions listed first:

Heavyweights: Joe Louis, Billy Conn, Joe Baksi, Jimmy Bivins, Mello Bettina, Lee Q. Murray, Lee Oma.

Light heavyweights: Gus Lesnevich, Lloyd Marshall, Freddie Mills, Anton Christoforidis, Johnny Colan, Billy Soose, Ezzard Charles.

Middleweight: Tony Zale, George Abrams, Holman Williams, Jake Lamotta, Jose Basora, Tony Martin, Steve Belloise, Charlie Burley, Marcel Cerdan, Joe Carter, Jack Chase.

Welterweights: Fred Cochrane, Ray Robinson, California Jackie Wilson, Henry Armstrong, Jimmy McDaniels, Tommy Bell, Marty Servo, Johnny Greco, Billy Arnold, Fritz Zivic.

Lightweight: Juan Zurita, Beau Jack, Bob Montgomery, Ike Williams, Willie Joyce, Bobby Ruffin, Tippy Larkin, John Thomas.

Featherweight: Sal Bartola, Willie Pep, Chaiky Wright, Phil Terranova, Carlos Chavez, Harry Jeffra, Danny Webb.

Bantamweight: Manuel Ortiz, Rush Dalma, Kui Kong Young, Little Dado.

Flyweight: Jackie Patterson, Dado Marino, Joe Curran, Alex Murphy, Norman Lewis, George Parks, Tommy Burney.

(Ratings as of Jan. 3.)

H. Douglass	182	151	178-511
Totals	849	793	803 2445
Gateway Lunch			
McLennan	168	154	153-475
Glen Hiley	116	136	128-370
Cliff Bushong	133	178	170-481
L. Smith	188	189	156-533
H. Barfknecht	180	155	175-510
Handicap	65	65	65-195
Totals	850	877	847 2574

Piland's Market			
O. Alt	143	178	222-543
B. Koller	156	140	157-453
B. Hatch	133	134	176-443
B. Rice	145	210	208-563
E. Piland	118	146	206-470
Handicap	45	45	45-135
Totals	740	853	1014 2607
Superior Cafe			
P. Sevy	141	147	145-433
W. Burrell	162	95	178-435
T. Loree	194	145	138-477
Christensen	138	133	163-434
P. Loree	148	172	155-475
Handicap	32	32	32-96
Totals	815	724	811 2350

Webfoots Given Tough Workout

Eugene, Ore., Jan. 16 (UP)—The Oregon Webfoot basketball team was given a blistering workout Monday in preparation for the invasion of the Washington State Cougars here on Friday and Saturday nights.

The Ducks, who have developed fast during the last few games, will be pitted against a veteran WSC team and will need to win the contests in order to keep their present high standing in the northern division of the Pacific coast conference.

Oregon Coach John Warren will be without the services of Dick Wilkins, star freshman forward, if the leg injuries he suffered in the Oregon State game do not show improvement. Two other members of the squad, Frank Hoffine and Lou Kotnik, are on the injury list.

Reedy Berg, Webfoot transfer from South Dakota, has developed as a good replacement for either Bob Hamilton or Jim Bartlett in the guard posts. His showing against Oregon State guarantees him a lot of action against the Cougars.

5 BOWL 25 YEARS

Somerville, Mass. (UP)—Five middle-aged men who began bowling here every Saturday night 25 years ago still keep up the weekly custom. Their present ages: 85, 80, 76, 74 and 69.

Today's Sport Parade

By Jack Cuddy
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, Jan. 16 (UP)—Jumping Joe Savoldi, one of the war's mystery men, returns to the mat at Philadelphia tomorrow night after an absence of nearly 18 months—most of which were spent at various European fronts on secret missions for the armed forces.

Exact details of Savoldi's activities "over there" must remain cloaked for some time, upon orders from Uncle Sam; but no Hollywood scenarist is needed to imagine the perilous enterprises probably undertaken by this linguist, Notre Dame graduate, and bone-crushing athlete.

"I am not permitted to say much about my duties overseas," the brawny, black-haired wrestler explained today at the Al Mayer-Toots Mondt booking office. "You see, I'm still subject to recall if they need me again."

"Have you been discharged from the army?"

"I wasn't in the army."

"What were you in?"

"Let's say I wasn't in anything. Let's just say I was working for the government on special assignment. Yes, I am permitted to tell what areas I visited. They were North Africa, Sicily, Italy—including Salerno, and France—including Normandy. Yes, I was under fire—plenty, at times. No, I wasn't wounded." He grinned and added, "This scar on my cheek and these cauliflower ears came before the war."

Jumping Joe, who contributed the "drop-kick" (under a man's chin) to wrestling, probably was picked for his secret duties because he provided a triple threat on the various fronts, with his languages, intelligence and brawn. He speaks Italian without an accent, having been born and given his early schooling in Italy. He understands and speaks French fairly well, having lived in pre-war France more than eight months. At Notre Dame, under the late Knute Rockne, he won his varsity letter as fullback for three seasons; and he was graduated with a B. S. degree. He won Jim Londos' claims to the heavyweight championship in 1933, and lost them to Jim Browning in '35. He played pro football briefly with the Chicago Bears before turning to the more lucrative field of modified mayhem.

Jumping Joe admitted that he had made "good money" during 12 years on the mat. Now, at 36, he has a fine home at Harbert, Mich., where his 11-year-old son, Joe, Jr., enjoys a private beach on Lake Michigan. Just before the war he opened a soft-drink manufactory; but he had to close after Pearl Harbor, because his brief career as a manufacturer did not entitle him to priorities on ingredients.

Savoldi believes that the war will have two effects upon wrestling. "There will be a boom in the sport when peace comes," he said, "for thousands of service boys have become interested in it because of their training in commando training probably will make future wrestling much rougher than it is now—with a tendency toward gouging, chopping, butting and kneeling. Meanwhile, modernized wrestling of present must be given credit for contributing much to commando tactics—improvements that have out-dated the old jujitsu of the Japanese."

Beavers to Face Cougars Tonight

Corvallis, Ore., Jan. 16 (UP)—Already on the point of elimination from the northern division race, the Oregon State Beavers will be battling to stay in the running when they meet the Washington State Cougars here tonight.

The veteran WSC team will open a two-day stand here which will determine if the three-beaten Beavers will have a chance to get back into the running. Coach A. T. (Slats) Gill's varsity team came through the Oregon game Saturday unscathed, although Ted Henningsen, a lanky forward, may be kept out of the Cougar game because of a cold.

Puddy Recovers

Hal Puddy, veteran center, has recovered from his attack of the flu, and his reappearance in the lineup will bolster the Orange-men's chances. Probable starters will be Henningsen and Puddy, forwards; Red Rocha, center; and Bernie McGrath and Larry West, guards.

The WSC Cougars reported a pre-series casualty today when it was learned that Mort Joslin, veteran senior, has suffered a back injury and may not play against Oregon State. If he doesn't start, Darroll Waller will be in at forward with Vince Gregg; center will be Vince Hansen, 6-foot, 8-inch giant; and the guards will be Bobby Renick and George Hampton.

Wilkins Leading In Hoop Scoring

Portland, Ore., Jan. 16 (UP)—University of Oregon freshman Dick Wilkins still leads the scoring race in the northern division of the Pacific coast conference, but he is pressed by two University of Washington Huskies as the teams go into the third week.

In five games, Wilkins has tossed in 47 points for an average of a little more than nine points per game. Nearest to him is Don McMillan and Bob Jorgensen of the Huskies with 44 and 42 points respectively in four games played.

The division's ace on the free throw line is Delmer Smith of Oregon who has 12 conversions, but he is also the player who has the most fouls called against him—17.

Fight Results

(By United Press)

New York — (St. Nicholas arena)—Huberto Zavala, 135, Mexico City, knocked out George (Dusty) Brown, 136½, Philadelphia (5).

Holyoke, Mass.—Joey Peralta, 13, Pamaqua, Pa., dethroned Ruby Garcia, 136, San Juan, P. R. (10).

Baltimore, Md.—Buddy Walker, 193½, Columbus, O., dethroned Yancey Henry, 197, Los Angeles.

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Bowling Notes

Piland's market last night rolled a new high single game for the season, 1014, and won high series for the evening, 2607, as the meatmen won two games from Superior Cafe in Industrial league play on the Bend Recreation alleys.

In other matches, Gateway Lunch won three from Pepsi-Cola, Bend Recreation won two from Bend-Portland and The Bulletin won two from Medo-Land. Results of the games follow:

Medo-Land			
B. Douglass	190	167	160-517
L. Potts	148	152	182-482
M. Nehl	150	168	144-462
D. Lay	148	167	179-494
S. Blucher	201	170	146-517
Handicap	10	10	10-30
Totals	847	834	821 2502

The Bulletin			
H. Rice	160	137	178-475
R. Nedrow	169	157	198-524
A. Kaufman	141	131	167-439
E. Fenton	159	208	148-515
B. Benson	174	164	183-521
Handicap	40	40	40-120
Totals	843	837	914 2504

Bend Recreation			
Norcott	185	163	161-509
O. Barfknecht	168	176	131-475
P. Smith	145	173	137-455
Fields	143	162	100-405
Gales	178	169	169-516
Handicap	22	22	22-66
Totals	841	865	720 2426

Bend-Portland			
C. Piland	162	137	162-471
McConnell	170	162	138-470
Jossey	132	163	150-445
Gordon	170	171	173-514
Brown	187	224	170-581
Totals	821	857	793 2471

Pepsi-Cola			
W. Douglass	204	160	178-542
C. Lowrenz	148	153	174-475
Hernandez	159	189	144-492
Parks	156	140	129-425

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6:15—Jimmy Fidler
6:30—American Forum of Air
7:15—Lowell Thomas
7:30—Red Ryder
8:00—Jaycees Speak
8:15—Ray Noble's Orchestra
8:30—Mystery Traveler
9:00—Glenn Hardy News
9:15—Rex Miller
9:30—Jan Garber's Orchestra
10:00—Fulton Lewis Jr.
10:15—Neil Bondshay's Orchestra

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17

7:00—News
7:15—Rise and Shine
7:30—Baker's Best Buys
7:45—Morning Melodies
7:55—News
8:00—Blue Blazer's Orchestra
8:15—Harmonic Cowboys
8:30—News
8:45—Today's Bulletin Board
8:50—Women in the News
8:55—Lanny and Ginger
9:00—William Lang and the News
9:15—Rationing News
9:20—Old Family Almanac
9:45—Evalyn Tyner's Orchestra
10:00—Glenn Hardy News
10:15—Terry's House Party
10:30—Luncheon With Lopez
10:45—News of Prineville
11:35—Lady About Town
11:40—News
11:45—Freedom's Fighting Men
12:00—Gene Krupa
12:10—Sports Yarns

SHOWS STAMPLESS COVER

West Springfield, Mass. (UP)—At a stamp exhibit in the public library, Clayton E. Brown displayed 12 covers originating here, including a stampless cover sent to Mrs. Paoli Lathrop of South Hadley in 1839.

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