

Grid Stars Win Glory and Fame On Battlefields

By Walter Byers
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Chicago, March 19 (AP)—Training on the gridiron has paid off in heroism during the present war.

Football long has been considered the most thorough peacetime preparation for war and the performances of professional grid stars during world war II has added glory to that theory. The National football league has 493 of its men in the service, men who have played 10 or more years of football.

Their heroism is only a small part of the war yet it burns brightly as testimony to grid training.

Records
Following are a few of their records:

Lt. Byron (Whizzer) White, former Detroit Lion and Colorado university all-American halfback; now engaged in "highly secret work" with Vice Admiral Marc Mitscher's staff in the Pacific. Reports state that White played a vital role in Mitscher's carrier raids on Japan.

Lt. John B. Tripson, Detroit Lion tackle; Awarded the navy cross for courage under fire at the initial landing in the African invasion. During the Normandy invasion, a London correspondent cabled his paper, "Big John Tripson... will be remembered for his courage as long as men remember D-day."

Pvt. Tommy Thompson, former Philadelphia quarterback and Tulsa university passing star; Decorated for gallantry in action around Verdun where he single-handedly captured several Nazis. Thompson, who has only one eye although accepted by selective service, also was cited for special service work in England.

Cited as Hero
Lt. Ernie Pannell, former Green Bay Packer and Texas A. & M. all-American tackle; Listed several times in reports for his heroism as commander of a P-T boat in the south Pacific; also awarded the silver star for gallantry.

Capt. Maurice L. Britt, former Detroit and Arkansas university end; One of the outstanding heroes of the war; awarded numerous medals, including the congressional medal of honor; lost his right arm during the Anzio beachhead fighting in early 1944; previously gained fame for killing 11 Germans with "rifle fire, bare hands and by throwing grenades and rocks."

Lt. Howie Yeagher, New York Giant halfback; Awarded soldiers' medal for his heroism in attempting to rescue two fliers from a crashed army airplane.

The list is long and also dotted with gold stars. Nine National league players have been killed in action while three are missing and four listed as prisoners of war.

Missing Listed
Among the missing are Capt. Waddy Young, former Oklahoma all American end who played with Brooklyn. He was reported missing in a raid over Tokyo late in January. The last seen of the big guy when he dropped his plane out of formation to protect the damaged plane of one of the men in his squadron.

Lt. Al Blozis, shot put champion and all-American George town tackle who later played with New York, was reported missing in Belgium on Feb. 2, 1945, while Lt. (jg) Young Bussey, Louisiana State star and Chicago Bear quar-

Out Our Way



BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON

By J. R. Williams

Seattle '5' Wins Washington Title

Seattle, March 19 (AP)—Coaches of upstate high school basketball teams today looked nostalgically back to the years when they had no Seattle entry to worry about in state tournaments.

For they let down their guard this year to allow one Seattle team to participate—and it was the camel's nose under the tent. Lincoln high school ran away with the hardware.

The Rail-Splitters won the 21st annual championship Saturday night by defeating Bellingham 50-38 before a turn-away crowd of 10,000 that brought the attendance for the four-day classic to a record-breaking 40,211—more than twice the 1944 patronage.

Bellingham took second place and other teams finished in this order: Everett, third; Hoquiam, fourth; Lake Washington of Kirkland, fifth; Snohomish, sixth; South Kitsap, seventh; and Longview, eighth.

Lincoln Trails
After taking a comfortable 12-6 first quarter lead, Lincoln suddenly found themselves behind, 22-20, at halftime as the game Red Raiders outclassed the Seattle quintet most of the second period.

In the first four minutes of the second half Bellingham racked up a 26-20 lead before the Seattle athletes could catch their breath. But the Red Raiders lost their sterling guard, Jack Frazier, who retired with an injury.

At that point Lincoln turned on the steam, coming back to take a 36-31 lead as the fourth quarter opened. From then on, there was little doubt of the issue as Bob Peak and Sammy White poured shots through the basket to keep Lincoln comfortably ahead.

Oregon Quintet Heads for East

Eugene, Ore., March 19 (AP)—The University of Oregon Webfeet scored a 39-37 victory over the Washington State Cougars Saturday night to win the northern division title in the Pacific coast conference basketball race. It was the third and final game of the post-season playoffs.

Shackled and hounded by Vince Hanson, tall Cougar center, the Webfeet left the court at the end of the first half on the short end of a 21-15 score.

In the second half, however, the Webfeet began to narrow the deficit. Del Smith tossed in a long one from the side to give the Oregon team a 26-25 lead. Bob Hamilton's free throw and Dick Wilkins' basket added another three tallies.

The Cougars fought back to tie the score at 31-31. Oregon went ahead on baskets by Bartelt, Wilkins and Hamilton which put the game on ice.

The Webfeet were en route today to Kansas City, Mo., where they are scheduled to play in the western finals of the NCAA meet.

Snead Takes Lead In Golf Tourney

Charlotte, N. C., March 19—Sammy Snead sets his sights today for first money in the \$10,000 Charlotte open golf tournament. He needs only to retain his two stroke lead over the final 18 holes to win.

The big man of the winter circuit, shooting for his seventh tournament victory, had a three under par 69 yesterday for a 54 hole total of 202, two strokes better than the reliable duo of Byron Nelson and Harold (Jug) McSpaden, who were tied at 204.

Nelson moved back in content.

Coasting Along in the Sport World

By Jack Cuddy

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, March 19 (AP)—Terrific speed is the big feature of wartime college basketball, according to coach Ray Meyer of DePaul's fine team.

Since Pearl Harbor the game's pace has been stepped up nationally until now even the most conservative coaches have their squads playing at racehorse clip, Meyer said today during an interview at the Paramount hotel.

His DePaul Demons from Chicago—rated by many experts as the country's top college quintet—meet West Virginia's Mountaineers tonight at Madison Square garden in the quarter-finals of the national invitation tourney. De Paul is favored to win the tourney.

Why this wartime speed?—A reporter asked Meyer.

Meyer, a brown-haired chap of medium build who looks young and athletic enough to be a member of his own team, replied: "Waiving of the freshman rule turned on the speed. When first-year men—boys just out of high school—are permitted to play on college varsities, they try to make up in speed what they lack in experience. Young players love to run, anyway. The youngsters turned on the speed; and they did a good job of it."

Have they kept up to pre-war standards?

"I believe they have improved the game generally by making it more interesting for the spectators and for the players by the injection of more speed and higher scoring. The teams that are good are exceptionally good; however, there are not as many good teams through the country as there were before Pearl Harbor. This is only natural. Many colleges are short of talent, despite

the availability of freshman players; and other colleges suffer important player losses each season through the draft."

Has this stepping up of speed in the college game reached its peak?

Meyer said the peak had not been reached; and it would not be reached until the war ends and the freshmen rule is put into operation again by the big schools. He explained, "high school coaches everywhere are stressing speed now—emphasizing the forcing style of defense—patterning their play somewhat after Rhode Island State's Fire-house game. High school scores are mounting to the 60's and 70's. Each squad of freshmen that come up seems faster than that of the year previous."

"When peace comes, most of the big schools will invoke the freshman rule. Athletic directors of the big ten, for example, believe that when conditions return to normal first-year men should confine their athletic activities to freshman teams. This gives the boys a chance to acclimatize to college life without the pressure of varsity competition. It also gives more upper classmen a chance to play on the varsity."

"In the post-war period, coaches will be able to work with older players. They will be able to concentrate on defenses that will put the brakes on speed until a happy medium is found."

Is this increased speed bad for the players? Does it harm them physically?

Meyer smiled and said, "No—a fast pace never hurt a player who is in good condition. And men who do not keep in good condition seldom last long on college teams today."

Portland Quintet Wins State Title

Salem, March 19 (AP)—All-state basketball positions went to two members of the championship Washington high school squad after the Colonials had won the 1945 crown by defeating Oregon City's Pioneers, 51 to 41.

This year's Washington high team was the second in the school's history to capture the state title, the 1928 Colonial entering having defeated Medford, 27 to 23.

Jerry Krafive, Washington's huge center, was the star of the series, netting 15 points in the first game and 16 in the second, topping it all with 19 tallies in the final game.

Bob Lavey, lightning fast guard, scored 11 of Washington's final game counters. He was also selected for the all-state first team, with Krafive, Dick Ballantyne, of Baker, Leonard Rinearson of Oregon City, and Art Jones of Oregon City.

The Colonials found themselves almost evenly matched with their smaller opponents in the deciding game, and had a particularly tough time of it in the first half.

Willis Urban, all-state second team selection, tossed one through the basket to even the score at 21-21 just before the half ended and Lavey beat the midway gun with another scorer to give the Colonials a lead which they never lost.

Urban piled up a total of 10 points in the winning game, for Washington high.

NATIONAL LEAGUE HOCKEY
(By United Press)

They had to wait until the last game of the season to get it done, but the Chicago Blackhawks were rid of a jinx today that has plagued them for five years. They finally won a regular season National league hockey game at De-

troit, 5 to 3, last night.

The New York Rangers, also through for the year, won their last game in the last second of play, upsetting the third place Toronto Maple Leafs, 6 to 5, with a late rally that overcame a 3 to 0 deficit.

At Boston, the Montreal Canadiens ended up the regular campaign with a 4 to 2 victory over the Bruins.

The Stanley cup playoffs begin Tuesday when the champion Canadiens open at home against Toronto's third place Leafs while second place Detroit is host to fourth place Boston.

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tion with yesterday's lowest round, a sparkling 66.

Snead went out yesterday in even par 36, but improved on the easier home stretch and had a 33 to keep pace with Nelson, who went out in 33 and came back the same way.

Oilers to Battle Lions of Greeley

Denver, Colo., March 19 (AP)—Defending champion Phillips "66" Oilers, Bartlesville, Okla., meets the Lions of Greeley, Colo., in today's featured game of the National A. A. U. basketball tournament.

It will be the first match of the tourney for the Oklahoma team and the second for Greeley, which last night edged out Naval Convalescent Hospital of Glenwood Springs, Colo., 42 to 41 in an overtime game.

In today's rounds, the Fees' Music Makers, Portland, Ore., meet the Ute, Iowa, Indians; Idaho Simplots play Creighton prep; Allen-Bradley, Milwaukee, is pitted against last night's winning Toners-Mappell quintet, and the Poudre Valley team opposes Wyoming university.

Tonight's spectators will see defending titlist Phillips "66" Oilers vs. Greeley, Colo.; Cessna, Wichita, Kan., vs. Colorado university Medics and an Ambrose, Denver, team vs. the St. Louis Candles.

Petroleum was refined to obtain kerosene and lubricants; the gasoline in it was regarded as a dangerous nuisance which contaminated the kerosene and sometimes caused lamps to explode.

Experiments on birds showed that the depth of the color of the yolk was related to the amount of greens fed, and a diet of white corn with no greens produced very pale-yolked eggs.

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5:00—Sam Hayes
5:15—Superman
5:30—Tom Mix
5:45—Night News Wire
6:00—Gabriel Heatter
6:15—Real Life Stories
6:30—Music For Worship
7:00—Soldiers of the Press
7:15—Lowell Thomas
7:30—Lone Ranger
7:45—Library Hour
8:00—John Kirby's Orchestra
8:30—Michael Shayne
9:00—Glen Hardy News
9:15—Cecil Brown
9:30—Lew Diamond's Orchestra
9:45—The Feeling Is Mutual
10:00—Fulton Lewis Jr.
10:15—Sherlock Holmes

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

7:00—News
7:15—Jack Carr
7:30—Maxine Keith
7:45—Morning Melodies
8:00—News
8:00—Will Bradley's Orchestra
8:15—News
8:30—Take It Easy Time
8:45—The Bulletin Board
8:50—Organ Treasures
8:55—Harry James
9:00—William Lang
9:15—Songs by Morton Downey
9:30—Rationing News
9:35—Old Family Almanac
10:00—Glen Hardy News
10:15—Luncheon With Lopez
10:30—Paula Stone and Phil Brito
10:45—Redmond Victory March
11:35—Lady About Town
11:40—News
11:45—Lum 'n Abner
12:00—Larry Clinton's Orchestra
12:10—Sport Yarns
12:15—Airplane Trio
12:30—News
12:45—Farmer's Hour
1:00—Organ Meditations
1:30—Tommy Harris Time
2:00—Meditations

2:15—Melody Time
2:45—Frankie Carlie's Orchestra
3:00—Griffin Reporting
3:15—Hasten the Day
3:30—Musical Matinee
3:45—Johnson Family
4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
4:15—Rex Miller
4:30—House of Mystery
4:45—Mal Hallett's Orchestra
4:55—Central Oregon News
5:00—Sam Hayes
5:15—Superman
5:30—Tom Mix
5:45—Night News Wire
6:00—President Roosevelt
6:05—Gabriel Heatter
6:20—Jimmy Fidler
6:35—American Forum of Air
7:15—Lowell Thomas
7:30—Red Ryder
8:00—Treasury Salute
8:15—Johnny Long's Orchestra
8:30—Deep River Boys
8:45—Sammy Kaye's Orchestra
9:00—Glen Hardy News
9:15—Rex Miller
9:30—Mysterious Traveler
10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
10:15—News

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