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Green Light Given Baseball Players By Federal Chief

Washington, March 22 (AP)—Assurance that the government will not challenge their patriotism if they leave war jobs to play professional baseball was expected today to bring a host of top stars back to the game.

The most encouraging aspect of the least "green light" from the administration was that War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt went out of his way to praise the sport when he ruled that players in war jobs during the off-season could return to baseball without fear of being drafted as job jumpers.

There is real justification for this action," McNutt said. "We have considerable evidence that baseball adds to the morale on the home front in wartime."

He added that the principal basis for his action was the widespread demand particularly on the part of servicemen in this

country and overseas for the continuance of baseball.

McNutt's ruling, which includes managers and coaches, but does not affect other employees of baseball clubs, states that men employed in essential jobs during the off-season do not need to obtain statements of availability from their employers to play during the regular schedule. Previously, players who went into essential jobs would have been classed as job-jumpers if they returned to baseball without special permission from the U. S. employment service. The U.S.E.S. had no authority to issue such permits.

Still Face Draft

It was emphasized that McNutt's ruling will not keep a player from being drafted if he is physically able to go into military service. Thus physically fit men in war plants who hold deferments because of dependency could not return to baseball without taking their chances in the regular processes of the military draft.

However, because of official sanction of baseball with certain provisions, from President Roosevelt, Selective Service Director Maj. Gen. Lewis Hershey, Defense Transportation Director J. Monroe Johnson, War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes, and Secretary

Man's World?



Directing boys from bench is Elvira Vidano of Joliet, Ill., whose grade school team won county basketball championship. Miss Vivdano plays professional softball.

Madison Square Records Broken

New York, March 22 (AP)—The old proverb of "fighting five with fire" never had a truer application today than in the case of DePaul's brilliant basketball team.

Facing the Rhode Island State Rams, the nation's highest scoring team last night, the Blue Demons, led by the six-foot, nine-inch George Mikan, beat the Rams at their own game, 97 to 53, and set 12 Madison square garden scoring records in the process.

The victory gave DePaul a place in the finals of the national invitational tournament Friday night against Bowling Green of Ohio. The Ohioans moved up by eliminating the defending champion St. John's Redmen, 57 to 44, in a mild upset.

The eastern playoffs of the national collegiate athletic association tournament begin at the Garden tonight with New York university a heavy favorite over Tufts of Medford, Mass., and Ohio State accorded a slight margin over Kentucky in semi-final games. The western playoffs in the N. C. A. A. begin tomorrow night at Kansas City, Mo., with Oklahoma A. & M. playing defending champion Utah and Arkansas opposing Oregon.

Today's Sport Parade

By Jack Cuddy

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, March 22 (AP)—The "punch" is more dangerous than the "Punch" for heavyweights. Fat has ruined the careers of more their opponents. Heavies put on blubber more quickly than fighters in any other division, because of their traditionally big appetites and their naturally slow movements.

Unfortunately suet settles first in the abdomen. This bulges the stomach muscles and prevents their split-second tightening to protect against body blows. Of course the extra poundage also cuts down speed and stamina.

It is much more difficult for the average heavyweight to keep a trim waistline than it is for the average chorus gal, although we read much more about the chorines' tussle with tissue. Take

Sgt. Joe Louis for example. Although the heavyweight champion is not in competition now, you may be sure that he goes through almost daily training stints. Otherwise he'd have a bay window like Macy's. Remember what happened to blond Lee Savold, who fights out of Paterson, N. J., now at about 190 pounds. Well—Savold retired briefly once and took a job as bartender. He blew up to 256 before he was rescued.

We can recall only two heavyweights who operated successfully as fat men. They were Tony Galento, the battling beer barrel, and Willie Mehan of San Francisco. Mehan, who fought from 1909 through 1923, gave trouble to one of the big boys of his day, including Jack Dempsey. He broke even in three bouts with Dempsey—losing, drawing and winning.

Right now the boxing world is

witnessing a terrific feud between a fighter and fat. This feud reaches a climax tomorrow night when Tami Mauriello, young Bronx heavyweight, shows whether or not he has eaten his way into the pugilistic ashean—whether he has eaten himself out of a fortune. The proof of Tami's puddings is expected to be found in his 10-round "rubber match" with Lee Oma at Madison Square garden. Unless Tami has done a lot of paring, it may be his "blubber match."

Mauriello, though only 22, already has earned much money in the ring. He has been fighting professionally since he was 15, when he showed up at the boxing commission with his older brother Tom's Birth certificate to get a license. Tami's real handle is Steve. He has had 13 main events in the Garden. We can recall only two performers who had more Garden main events: Beau Jack and Tony Canzoneri. Tami made money, most of which he lavished upon his large family—which includes five brothers. But

he didn't make as much as he should have and right now he should be the "golden boy" of wartime boxing, instead of getting the short end of tomorrow night's purse.

Nelson Pockets Tourney Money

Charlotte, N. C., March 22 (AP)—Byron Nelson, who had begun to wonder if his efforts to take first money in the Charlotte golf open wasn't like chasing the pot of gold at the foot of the rainbow, pocketed the \$2,000 prize today after two extra 18-hole playoffs with Sammy Snead.

The triumph came yesterday when he shot a three-under par 69, while Snead, his lame back aching from the six day grind, took a 73.

It was Nelson's putting which provided the margin of triumph. Nelson, always a wizard on the green, dropped some of his most accurate putts of the season, while Snead missed several easy ones.

of War Henry Stimson, there is no doubt now that it must continue as a "war-contributing" service.

Baseball Briefs

(By United Press)

San Francisco, March 22 (AP)—Ken Miller, right-handed pitcher obtained from the New York Giants in the Nell Sheridan deal, hurled the San Francisco Seals regulars to an 8-2 victory over the Yarnigans yesterday in an eight-inning intra-squad game.

Miller gave up seven hits with only two earned runs. Last year Miller won 10 and lost 13 with the Jersey City club.

Boyes Springs, March 22 (AP)—The Oakland Acorns blanked the Fairfield ATC squad 5-0 yesterday behind the sparkling pitching of Jack Lotz and Sad Sam Gibson.

Sacramento, March 22 (AP)—The Sacramento Solons won an exhibition game with the Folsom prison squad yesterday 15-1.

El Centro, Cal., March 22 (AP)—The San Diego Padres break up their spring training camp here today and return to San Diego for a rest before tackling the Los Angeles Angels Saturday in the first of a two game exhibition baseball series.

Manager Pepper Martin said either Carl Dumler or southpaw Jim Brillheart will pitch the March 31 season opener against the Seattle Rainiers at San Diego. Catcher Del Ballinger was elected season captain by his teammates yesterday.

San Diego, Cal., March 22 (AP)—Manager Bill Skiff's Seattle Rainiers were booked for a baseball game with a naval training station nine here today after yesterday's scheduled sub match with the Los Angeles Angels was rained out at San Fernando.

Joe Demoran will mount the Rainiers mound against the navy. Seattle plays the Hollywood Stars Saturday and Los Angeles police Sunday. Both games will be at San Fernando.

Ontario, Cal., March 22 (AP)—The Los Angeles Angels and Hollywood Stars were to meet here today in their second pre-season basketball tilt with proceeds going to local charity.

Billiard Master Sets New Mark

Boston, March 22 (AP)—The old master of the billiard table, 47-year-old Willie Hoppe, was back to normal today. He's setting records again.

He wiped a 26-year-old world mark off the books when he made a high run of 20 to win his championship match with title holder Welker Cochran, 60 to 36, in 24 innings yesterday. The former mark of 17 was set in 1919 by Tiff Denton, who equalled it in 1941. Hoppe holds an unofficial exhibition match record of 25, which he set in 1928.

CARDS SEE DIAMOND

Cairo, Ill., March 22 (AP)—The St. Louis Cards, deciding to stick it out for a while at least, saw their baseball diamond today for the first time since opening training here earlier in the week. Pitcher Max Lanier, recovering from an appendicitis operation, threw a few balls yesterday for the first time.

CHIPMAN JOINS CLUB

French Lick, Ind., March 22 (AP)—Left-hander Bob Chipman was the newest arrival in the Chicago Cub camp today. The pitcher arrived from Brooklyn and said he was ready to "bear down."

22 PLAYERS CONTRACTED
Bloomington, Ind., March 22 (AP)—The Cincinnati Reds counted noses today and found 28 players in uniform, 22 of them under contract. In addition, second baseman Woody Williams and first baseman Frank McCormick are scheduled to arrive shortly.

TEAM BADLY SHATTERED
Terre Haute, Ind., March 22 (AP)—The Chicago White Sox started rebuilding their outfield today with only Wally Moses, right fielder, left over from last season.

The front feet of the frog possess four digits, rudiment of a fifth, and thumb; the inner digit of male frog being thicker than the corresponding one in the female.

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