

# 96th Cage League Starts; 'Old Irish' Tourney Ends

## 7 Win, 7 Lose; -And Decisively

### 1st Bn. in Easley Set, With Sky-Scraping 5 Of Hq. Co. in Kane League, Swamp Foes

In the first game of the 96th Infantry Division Basketball Round-Robin Tournament, the 1st Bn., 382nd Infantry, outplayed and outscored 363rd F. A. Bn. to the score of 35 to 21.

Led by Pvt. L. Storey, former L. S. U. star, who scored 14 points, 1st Bn., 382nd Infantry was leading, 15 to 4, at the half.

The 1st Bn., 382nd Infantry, coached by former All-American Star, 1st Lt. John Byers, from South Bend, Indiana, came through with an impressive victory in their first game of the 96th Division Basketball Tournament by a score of 42 to 10.

In the first quarter, Lt. John Byers saw his boys blank out the 362nd F. A. Bn. with superior firepower. Using a fast break to its best advantage, every time the 1st Bn., 381st got their hands on the ball it was a sure money bet they would hit the basket. With such sharpshooting the Infantry team had little trouble running the score up to an impressive victory.

Hq. Co., 96th Division, used a superior height advantage over the 3rd Bn., 383rd, especially under the basket, where it counted the most, and defeated them, 24-17. Starting off slow in the first quarter, Hq. Co. team, led by T/Sgt. H. Berge and Cpl. N. Weiner, gradually eased away as the game progressed.

### Blackwood's Brutal Bruisers

Blackwood's Brutal Bruisers, the team of giants from the 96th Military Police, took over the hard wood and veritably beat 321st Medical Bn. to try and hold the team to top cage outfit of the 96th Infantry Division. With every man stretching well above six feet in height, the M. P.'s had little trouble keeping the sphere out of the reach of the hard fighting Medics. Beginning the second half the G. I. policemen led by a score of 26 to the Medics 8. At the final gun the score was 34 to 10. Scores:

3rd Bn., 382nd Inf., 22, 321st Engr. Bn., 18.

1st Bn., 382nd Inf., 35, 363rd F. A. Bn., 21.

96th Signal Co., 30, 96th Re. Tr., 14.

Hq. Co., 96th Div., 34, 3rd Bn., 383rd Inf., 17.

M. P. Platoon, 34, 421st Medical Bn., 10.

2nd Bn., 382nd Inf., 28, 1st Bn., 383rd Inf., 18.

Est. Bn., 381st Inf., 42, 362nd F. A. Bn., 10.

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## Second Guessing

By S. Sgt. E. A. Brown

(The "Ill Arthur" of this distinguished column today gladly bows out in deference to the following swell story by Pfc. William N. Batdorf, concerning a grand-old timer of pugilism—none other than Col. Michael (Iron Mike) Mulcahy, of the Timber Wolf Division. But read on.)

Teaching men to throw leather and develop a power (or Sunday) punch that carries all the wallop of a heavy artillery attack is the work of Colonel Michael "Iron Mike" Mulcahy, supervisor of boxing for the Mountaineer Regiment of the Timber Wolf Division. Johnson, Willard, Dempsey

Boxing has been one of Colonel "Iron Mike's" chief interests since way back when Jack Johnson, Jess Willard and Jack Dempsey were in their prime. He entered the ring long in the days when boxers were sluggers and the ear-marks were numerous. A broken nose or a scar on the face bespoke the man's profession. There was little of the dancing around, the light jabs, and the wearing-down system now in vogue in professional boxing circles. This leader learned and he teaches that the army fighter must be a slugger and a brilliant man.

There is probably but one man in Camp Adair who is personally acquainted with the punch carried by the colonel—that is 1st Sgt. Leonard T. Fletcher of Company M. Sergeant Fletcher and his two brothers were corporals at Ft. Warren, Wyo., in 1931 and Col. Mulcahy was their commanding officer.

**135 Pounds of Iron**  
Sergeant Fletcher and his brother, Jess F. Fletcher, who is now a lieutenant in Pennsylvania, took up boxing at that time and on their initial appearance for training, Captain Mulcahy demonstrated on Spl. L. T. Fletcher.

The latter put up his dukes in the approved manner as instructed and attempted to carry through with a blow. Fletcher's jab was parried and he received a wallop on the jaw. Behind it were 135 pounds of iron.

He still remembers that the Colonel can punch.

Fletcher since fought for a number of years. He never lost a fight in the six years he fought in the Army.

It was in 1936 that he was first beaten by a soldier. He kept a long-time promise to Mrs. Fletcher that whenever he lost a fight, he would quit fighting. Since then he has handled numerous boxing squads and always brought back champions from tournaments they fought in.

**Win or Nothing**  
Today, Colonel Mulcahy, with the aid of his assistants, is imparting the knowledge that he has amassed during the more than three decades that he was in the ring and later since he has watched from the ringside.

He says that it is his intention to round out some champions from the raw material given him by Camp Adair. Colonel Mulcahy has never been satisfied with second-raters. When he first entered into sports, his must be the winning

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## Eliminations to Pick Champs for Division Boxing Team Begins

Boxing eliminations to pick contenders for the divisional championships and also a team which will later compete in the Camp Adair tournament, are now underway among outfits of the Timber Wolf Division.

Although it is a little early to make the dope bucket picks, it is evident that the talent is pretty well rounded out to take in everything from the heavyweight division right down to flyweight.

## Timber Wolf Player Post Checker Champ Pvt. Seymour Fish Beats Jack Flynn to Snare Wimer Trophy

Pvt. Seymour J. Fish of the Timber Wolf Division, a checker player of five years standing, defeated Pvt. Jack Flynn of the MPs, SCU 1911, to capture the Camp Adair draughts championship and the Captain Frank C. Wimer trophy, in finals of the week-long tournament, at Service Club No. 1, Tuesday evening.

The 36-year-old, one time Chicagoan, who had won his way into the bracket over some mighty fine competition (so did Flynn for that matter), lost the first game, took the second. They drew the third. The fourth game, Fish won, to capture the two-out-of-three game match.

**Checker Mob There**  
A goodly audience, including Post Commander, Col. Gordon McCoy, Capt. Wimer and Lt. Richards, the champs own C.O., was on hand to watch the tense final encounter and spur their favorites on. In checkers this is done differently than in other sports, principally by maintaining a genteel silence and seeing to it that recalcitrants who can't stand the inertia, do likewise.

**At Both Clubs**  
Both service clubs were scenes of tournament rounds during the week, as Pvs. Fish and Flynn fought their way into the inner shrine.

In opening brackets at Club 1, Fish beat another Timber Wolf draughtsman, Pvt. Thorington. Pvt. Tenna lost to Pfc. Welton, both also of the Timber Wolf Division. At Club 2, where Florence Condy Merriam was in charge of this mental war, Pvt. Miller took Pvt. Asher of the Medics and Flynn won by default from Cpl. Steltulow.

Fish took Welton straight games in the semi-finals at No. 1. Flynn was forced to a pair of draws but scored straight wins over Asher at Club 2.

The new champion is an able player, with considerable experience in club tournaments in and around Chicago. He had to be taken the long undisputed champ of the MPs. Pvt. Flynn is a cagy boardsman and earned right to represent the Post Complement and attached troops in the tourney by losing only one game in series last week.

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## Camp Adair SPORTS

Pfc. Bob Ruskauff, Editor



### This Knittin' Not For Britain Either



In fact, the bizarre lavallieres, bracelets and other trinkets fashioned by Pvt. Frank Swain aren't even knitting. The Crow Indian soldier, whose most fighting name properly translated is "Takes The Enemy's Gun Away" (or Dek Sha e Estakke Duch in the Crow language), finds his present tenure at Station Hospital far easier than a lot of local jobs he has held—or that life in the old days when he was a steller jockey and top-notch bronco buster around Billings, Montana.

Besides, who wouldn't like to weave a lavalliere, when he can present it to such a well-favored nurse as 1st Lt. Sadie Wheelless, which Pvt. Swain is doing in this Public Relations Photo.

## SCU-IX Corps League Swinging Into Stride

By the time six more games are rolled out of the way, tonight and tomorrow evening at Field House, the Post Complement and attached troops basketball league will really be barreling in their round robin series.

On the immediate schedule, following games are on tap:  
Tonight—Medics vs. Motor Maintenance at 6 p. m.; MPs vs. QM at 7; Hq. vs. 332 QM at 8 o'clock.

Tomorrow night—691st QM vs. 3429 Ordnance at 6; Hq. vs. 332nd QM at 7; MPs vs. 336 QM at 8.

The Yokums of 337th Depot Co., who have been keeping themselves pretty prominently injected into most everything lately, furthered the cause in a couple of the outstanding games of the week.

After toppling the 555th Railheads, 59-14, last Thursday night, they stopped the winning streak of Hq. of SCU, by a score of 24-6. The Yokum regulars are Cpls. Stolpe, Arterburn, Sgt. Welton, Pvt. Blevins and PFC Welton.

## Ex-LSU Star Nabs League Point Lead

Pvt. Storey, Mighty Mite, Heads 1st Bn.

Pvt. Lawrence Storey, former Basketball star of L. S. U., now putting his talents to work for the 1st Bn., 382nd Inf., stepped out in front with League scoring honors in the first week of the 96th Inf. Division Basketball Tournament, by adding 16 points to his personal credit.

Thus far, competition for the title has been pretty stiff and it should be even closer as the series draws into the second week of play.  
Breathing on the neck of the 5 foot 5 inch mite, Pvt. L. Storey, are Pvt. J. Sevier of the M. P.'s and T. Sgt. H. Berge of Hq. Co., 96th Div., each with 14 points. Pvt. H. C. Strickland of the 1st Bn., 381st Inf. team is close behind with 13 points.  
The individual scoring record at the close of the first week of play:  
Pvt. L. Storey, 1st Bn., 382nd Inf., 16 points.  
Pvt. J. Sevier, M. P. Platoon, 14.  
T. Sgt. H. Berge, Hq. Co., 96th Div., 14.  
Pvt. H. C. Strickland, 1st Bn., 381st Inf., 13.  
Cpl. N. Weiner, Hq. Co., 96th Div., 12.  
Pvt. F. A. Metz, 2nd Bn., 382nd Inf., 12.  
Pvt. W. E. Fletcher, 1st Bn., 381st Inf., 11.  
Pvt. Roy A. Board, 96th Signal Co., 9.

## It Is Quite All Oke For Lady Wrasslers To Wrestle—If Ladies

Either because so many of the one-time grunt and groan men became 1A's after awhile and are in the Army, or also because the cash and carry-em customers got tired of looking at some of the faces they had to take, the situation of women wrestlers is acute down in Los Angeles.

So the State Athletic Commission got its head together Monday and decided it will be all right to have at least two exhibition at least six months between lady wrasslers.

But, decreed the collective head: "They must be real lady wrasslers, not those of questionable characters."

## Timber Wolves Point At Bad Boilermakers

The Portland Boilermakers, a fast, dangerous basketball team, will be next on the bill for the roving Timber Wolves of Camp Adair.

It will be Tuesday night at Portland. Place is the Jefferson high school gym. The starting time will be 8 p. m. And for cage fans who can make it, the battle is a "must".

**The Wolf Line-up**  
Player-coach Lt. Bob Duffy announced yesterday that probable starting line-up of the Timber Wolves quintet will include Lt. Herbert Brown at center, the newcomer from divisional play, Sgt. John Frazier, playing with Waxman at forward; Duffy and Lt. Jos. Quin starting at guard. Sgt. Clark Brown, though not slated to start, will probably see plenty of action in the game.

The Boilermakers (nobody around here knows whether that stands for their occupation or the way they drink it), definitely are classified as big game. Their conquests include University of Oregon and one victory (though they dropped the series) against the famed Vancouver Ramblers.

Their squad is bolstered by the noted Slim Wintermuth, 6 foot 8 inch former Oregon U. star and one of the outstanding centers in America.  
Helen Jacobs, world's top ranking tennis player for many years, has signed up with the Navy's WAVES.

Most prominent are Dorothy and Hazel Caley, champion figure skaters of Canada.

## Handball King Gets Processed

### Two Games on Lorenz Court Decide Tourney As Ruskauff Defeats Fireman Toby Wallace

Camp Adair's first open singles handball tournament, which was described as "the hottest tourney seen on a cold court in these here parts," was polished off in rousing style Monday night on Lorenz Court.

In the finals match Pfc. Bob Ruskauff, Hq. Co., SCU 1911, took the measure of Assistant Fire Chief Toby Wallace, former big-time "rassling champion" and the powerhouse of station one, in straight games. His scores were 21-13, 21-13, after 55 minutes of play.

**Power Beats Sonne**  
Wallace rode into the finals by successively defeating Pfc. Morris Weldon, SCU 1911, Pvt. William Finchel, of the Timber Wolves, and Charles Sonne, Mq. SCU 1911. In the roaring semi-finals match with Sonne, Wallace's power told against the southpaw, with the three-game scores reading 21-13, 20-21, 21-3.

Victories over Pvt. Toribio Bonanegra of the Timber Wolves, the grand veteran of handball warfare, Fire Chief A. L. Sherk and Pvt. Eddie Jacobson, the acrobat king of 96th Signal Co., Pvt. Ruskauff, former Long Beach, Calif., YMCA and Pacific Coast Cub player, into the final match.

Jacobson and Sonne were unable to get together to play off for third place in the championship bracket at scheduled time and will do it late this week.  
By virtue of a couple defaults and victory over Chaplain Lt. Victor E. Newman, 21-17, and 21-14, Fireman Ray Maddy went through to win the consolation rounds.

Plans are underway for a doubles tournament to be held shortly.  
The Camp Adair championship tournament will be conducted in April.

Initial tournament brought forth a number of players with prime possibilities and a Post handball team may be organized.

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