

# Timber Wolves Tangle in 10-Bout Card

## New Pole Vault Mark By Warmerdam

### 'Flying Dutchman' Clears 15 Ft. 8 1/2 In.

CHICAGO — Ensign Cornelius Warmerdam shattered all existing pole vault records by clearing 15 feet 8 1/2 inches at Chicago indoor relays; Frank Dixon, New York university freshman, who reports for active duty with U. S. army Thursday, finished third to Gill Dodds in 4:08.5 mile; Herb Thompson equalled world 40-yard dash mark of :04.4 and Greg Rice won 63rd straight race by taking two-mile.

## Scrambled Sports

Lt. Emerson W. (Spike) Nelson, former Yale head football coach, was appointed recently to the top gridiron post at the St. Mary Naval Pre-Flight School.

Bill (Wild Bill) Hallahan, who pitched for the St. Louis Cardinals in several world series games, received an honorable discharge from the army last week.

Cadet Johnny Doolittle, son of Maj. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, is on the U. S. Military Academy boxing team. He's a middleweight and is undefeated in three dual meets this season.

Leo Durocher, Brooklyn Godgers' manager who was rejected by the army recently because of a perforated ear drum, is going to start the season at shortstop. "In don't know how long I'll last," Durocher declared, "but I'm hoping my starting infield will be Vaughan at third, Herman as second, Camilli at first and myself at short. That won't be hard to take."

A single Britain night raid of 1,000 bombers over the Rhineland cost close to 14 million dollars, the largest single item being the cost of the planes that were lost.

# 47-45 Triumph Makes Hdq. Co. 96th Champs

## 921st F. A. Cagers Go Down in Shifting Field House Contest

The long debated question about what happens when two like objects of the same size and weight but moving in opposite directions come in contact with each other was answered when the 96th Division basketball championship was settled Wednesday night at the Field House as the 921st F. A. Bn. went down fighting before the 96th Div. Hq. Co. by the narrow margin of 45-47.

'Butcher Boy' Luby of Sea Gulls



Although he dropped a highly-disputed decision to Ernie Rosterman in his first fight, Bud Luby, 157 and former St. Paul butcher, is a top fighter of the Sea Gull stable. He'll take on "KO" Smith of the Mountaineers as the prime Timber Wolf regimental teams battle each other April 2 in Salem Armory. — Signal Corps Photo.

While the lead changed hands frequently throughout the game, the 921st headed away at the end of each quarter. When the fourth round started they had a five point edge which the Hq. five started to whittle down slowly but surely.

### Dark Horse

Three minutes before the whistle, a dark horse came into the picture in the shoes of Pvt. Bobbie Ludwig. Unheralded and practically unknown, Ludwig had warmed the headquarters bench during most of the playoff and his substitution at guard seemed a matter of last minute routine.

Then the Hdq. men began cooking with gas. Ludwig cut loose with a terrific offensive that reminded some of the fans of Chicago vintage of the kid's ability around the Windy City that made him an all prep cageman. He followed behind swell blocking and sank the two successive field goals which gave headquarters the winning points.

Staff Sgt. Clarence Bolte put another feather in his already well plumed cap when he scored 15 points for Hq. Company and thus assumed the vaunted individual high scoring honors of the entire championship playoff. Bolte's dead-eye accuracy Tuesday night against the 1st Bn. of the 382nd Inf. made him top man also on that night.

### 96th Finals Box Score Hq. Co. 96th Div.

Player	Fouls	EG	TP
W. Weiner	2	4	9
R. Ludwig	2	4	8
H. Berge	2	3	6
L. Bonano	0	0	0
C. Bolte	1	7	15
B. Owen	2	0	4
N. Fried	1	2	5
	10	20	47

### 921st F.A. Bn.

J. Horner	2	4	9
D. Van Devort	3	2	7
T. Goad	2	0	0
L. Fusselman	2	5	12
E. Thompson	3	3	8
J. Spiller	0	4	9
	12	18	45

## Post Fighters 'Fight' And Salem Re-Invites

### Mountaineers and Sea Gulls Battle April 2

The kind of punching that Camp Adair's fighting men dish out apparently is exactly the kind that fight fans who pack Salem's Armory in the Legion-sponsored by-weekly fight cards like to see.

At least the third series matches at 8:15 p.m. April 2 will see two outfits of the Timber Wolf division tangling.

Proceeds will help the day room fund and EM are invited at the cordial admission of 25 cents.

Two main events are billed and a pair of semi-windups by Coach Cpl. Siseoc's Mountaineers outfit and Pvt. Oscar Liuzza's Sea Gulls, who make their second appearance. The gos:

Sea Gulls vs. Mountaineers, Main Events  
Louie Beni—170—Willie Eplonette, Eddie (Jitterbug) Collins — 145 — Johnny Serrino.

Semi-Windups  
Bobby Moses—146—Bill McDaniels, Johnny Cruickshank—158—Peter Lind, Other bouts: Gracia vs. Morris, 128; Surface vs. Judd, 130; Borrego vs. Krichen, 158; Easley vs. Martino, 130; Harshman vs. Ellis, 148.

## Sour Puss Outlook in Beaver Track Future, Says Gloomy Doc Swan

Coach Grant "Doc" Swan is gloomier than usual about track prospects at Oregon State this year. Even in good years Swan is pessimistic. This spring he has good reason to be gloomy. Only six lettermen are back.

Returning lettermen are Don Findlay, defending Northern division champion in the broad jump and also a good high jumper and sprinter; John Kilbuck, javelin thrower; Jack Dudley, pole vaulter; Bill Waterman, two-year letterman in the 880 and mile; Bill Shinn, an outstanding 880 man as a sophomore last spring; and Len Moyer, sprinter.

## League Softball Series Begin Tuesday Evening

With eight potent teams in the firing line, the league softball series of Dt. Darby's Field Artillery Bn. of the Timber Wolf division will get underway Tuesday night at 1630. Two games scheduled will see the Pill Rillers vs. the Doodits and the Wildcats vs. Hurricanes.

Other teams in league play will be the Cats, Sluggers, Beavers and the Yardbirds (which happens by some betwixture of nomenclature, to be composed of officers).

Shipment of export freight to U. S. ports by American railways has increased more than 40 per cent since Pearl Harbor.

# Going Gets Tougher as Handballers Near End

Marked by fairly close competition on all fronts, the ladder handball tournament on Lorenz court is "flattening" out.

Nobody in reach has yet challenged him, so fireman Herb Funk sits in No. 1 berth with fireman Ray Maddy on rung 2 and Chaplain Lt. Victor Newman in third.

Still well down the line in the tougher battles before all hands merge into the grand melee at the top are the pre-tourney favorites, who were placed down toward the cellar and are fighting each other for right to a clear track.

It became apparent with matches this week that the first place battle is likely to become

a duel between Pvt. Al Richen of the 96th Hdq. Co. and former Multnomah A.C. star and Pfc. Bob Ruskauff, Hdq. Co. SCU 1911 and winner of the recent open tourney.

Richen has gone from 15th to 11th on the ladder by challenging and defeating Sgt. Sidney Feig in straight games, 21-9 and 21-11, then staving off the strong first-game threat of Bill Ritz, ARC, to win 21-15, 21-5 from his tired rival.

Though still in 16th, Ruskauff got over two tough opponents, beating Pfc. Charles Some, SCU 1911, 21-18 and 21-16 and T/5 Eddie Jacobson of the 96th, 21-11, 21-17.

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By Pfc. Bob Ruskauff  
Sports Editor

In the barracks latrine the other evening I picked up somebody's home town paper from New Jersey, to note with a little surprise that Ed (Strangler) Lewis is tramping again.

Wrestling? I shouldn't think so. Today's grunt and groan policy is far from the wrestling of two decades back, when this greatest of mat champions was pinning them all—and on the up and up.

Lewis is 51 and for one I am a little sorry to see him come out of retirement and back to a game that at best is a sorry successor to the wrestling of yesterday. Evidently Ed's classy little beanery and drink parlor down by the sea, Long Beach, Calif., didn't do so well.

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My last memory of the Strangler was a swim we had in the ocean two summers ago. Out through the surf and a few hundred yards seaward, toward the spot where, just a few years before, the grand old Lexington rode at anchor.

We raced back through the breakers, Lewis, blowing and spouting like a benign whale, flopped onto the warm sand. Utterly content, he patted his fat belly. The famous Lewis grin flooded his broad, ruddy face:

"This is great stuff for an old man to retire to," the Strangler said.

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It may be about time to dedicate this column. We can declare no fixed policy. We'll attempt a round-up of the things left out of our sports pages and treatment of matters in our world of sport on which we feel somewhat qualified to make comment. That might not be much, or often.

The sports editor who is happiest is he with more stuff than can be crowded into the columns at his disposal. Judging from the way that the sports program is burgeoning throughout this post that is about to be our exact situation.

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The thing I like is that the will to participate is becoming so much greater than the will to watch. Even the civilian gal workers on the Post, bless their restless hearts, evidence this. They are starting their own softball league and the enthusiasm is great.

Sports participation and a fighting spirit in sport is a grand thing. You go into a game to have fun; but you go into a game to win it. And when you go out to win the demand is for all that you have to offer. Everything. And that is good.

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Any man who plays at a sport, no matter how badly or how well, knows that it can be his greatest of all morale builders. When the body is perturbed and the spirit is low—in other words, when morale has dropped out of formation and into a nose dive—he can go out and play his favorite game and lose himself. Take it out on the opposition.

Competition clears the air, keens the mind and re-arranges the vision better than 10 bottles of PX brew.

Much, much, better.

"Fox" Learns From Stonewall  
Q. Did Nazi General Rommel ever visit the U. S.?  
A. Yes. He visited the U. S. once and studied the military tactics of Confederate General "Stonewall" Jackson on the actual battlegrounds of the Civil War.

## Thanks to Her, Timber Wolf Ball Club Will Have Plenty Zoots for the Spring

If there is such a thing as a fairy godmother, the Timber Wolf ball club has one. She is Mrs. George E. Waters, owner of the Salem ball team — silver-haired and unassuming woman who has just given the "wolves" another big boost in their spring training campaign, viz.:

The complete set of uniforms "for a song" of the Salem nine, plus right to use throughout the season, three dozen practice uniforms.

It all comes under the head of a grand and welcome boost to the spring crusade, AO Lt. Bob Duffy and Business Mgr. Sgt. Long John Wulf were united in declaring yesterday.

In fact, unless the brothers on the south side and elsewhere about the Post are making a few under-cover plans on the very q.t., the Timber Wolves have at least gotten themselves a hop-step-and-jump ahead of their competition for spring baseball.

### Try Out April 5

First workouts will be called for April 5, Sgt. Wulf said. There will be plenty of talent. Plan is to give every team hopeful a full and fair break and after the try-outs it will be up to Manager Sgt. Jack Knott, the former St. Louis Browns' pitcher, to whittle 'em down to squad size.

Several games will be played in the Salem Park, which Sgt. Wulf describes as "one of the finest Class B ball parks I've ever seen; well set up and with a particularly good infield."

## Strong Duck Baseball Team Being Readied

EUGENE, March 24. — University of Oregon baseball players began limbering up today in preparation for inter-squad games scheduled by Coach Howard Hobson for this week.

The Oregon team, with seven lettermen returning, is conceded a good chance to repeat as northern division champion.

## 20 Softball Teams in Sea Gull Series Start

Softball among the Seagulls of the Timber Wolf division is on with a vengeance. Three games on Monday launched the 10-week round-robin for the 20-team league. The results:

The officers defeated the Medics detachment 8-2; Co. L downed Co. M, 12-2 and Co. A defeated Co. B, 18-16 in what Cpl. Clarence Obitz insists on calling a pitchers duel.