

SPORTSCOPE

By Joe Mahoney

Rev. Bob RICHARDS

WAS THE SECOND MAN IN THE WORLD TO POLE VAULT 15 FEET! CORNELIUS WARMERDAM WAS THE FIRST BUT IN 1951 BOB CLEARED 15'-17" SINCE THEN HE HAS SOARED 15 FEET 4 TIMES AND SINCE THAT HEIGHT IS COMPARABLE TO THE FOUR-MINUTE MILE IT IS A FEAT THAT WILL LONG STAND OUT IN TRACK AND FIELD ANNALS.



QUIZ CORNER

WHAT IS THE SCORE OF A FORFEITED BASEBALL GAME?

ON 1893, ANDY BOWEN, A LIGHTWEIGHT, FOUGHT A FIGHT THAT LASTED 110 ROUNDS AND LESS THAN 60 DAYS LATER HAD ANOTHER BATTLE THAT WENT 85 ROUNDS!

SPORTLIGHT

Home Stretch Competition is Tough

By GRANTLAND RICE

THERE are two vital physical factors that make baseball what it is, and these two have to be hitting and pitching. In this connection it might interest you to know that the waning season of 1951, now into August, is offering the best competition in both departments that we have seen in some time.

Who will be the best hitters and the best pitchers in the two big leagues? The percentage duel in the National League at the moment gives you Stan Musial, Jackie Robinson and Richie Ashburn. Wyrostek and Campanella follow in order. Stan Musial is still the one to beat. The Cardinal entry is close to 30 points above his 1950 mark, but Ashburn has crashed the Musial-Robinson party with his best year.

In the American League we have Coan of Washington, Mino of Chicago, Fain of the Athletics, Kell of the Tigers, Williams of the Red Sox and Avila of the Indians. These have been under a blanket most of the route. There is no way to give you a guess here, although Ted Williams is the best-known name. Ted came from around 215 to move into this company. He then had three hitless games and dropped back, but he is due to be dangerous all the way.

The home-run anteroom is now well filled. In the National League we have Gil Hodges and Ralph Kiner setting the pace, but Musial, Snider, Campanella, Westlake, Pafko, Mays and Thomson are still well grouped.

Kiner, the Pittsburgh Exploder, should get the call. It should be Musial and Kiner again, just as it has been before. Kiner is a natural slugger. There was a time when Hodges was putting on a runaway, until Kiner spotted the interloper and set out in pursuit.

In the A.L. the home-run crown isn't quite up to the older league. A young fellow by the name of Gus Edmond Zernial of the Athletics, picked up in a trade with the White Sox, is the best-looking man in the group, unless Ted Williams breaks loose later.

Zernial, a 28-year-old Texan, had 29 home runs last season. He is exactly the type the White Sox could use at this moment. Wertz of the Tigers and Robinson of the White Sox are not too far away.

The Pitching Race

Since pitching is rated from 70 to 75 per cent of winning or losing baseball, the ranking here is of

even greater significance. Who will be tops of the two leagues? In the National we have Preacher Roe, Don Newcombe and possibly Ralph Branca of the Dodgers; Sal Maglie of the Giants; Staley of the Cardinals; Dickson of the Pirates and Spahn of the Braves.

Big Newcombe is probably the best pitcher in his league, although Roe is right along side. Newcombe started slowly, but he has been moving in a hurry the last six weeks.

Those who still have a chance to win 20 or more games in the N.L. are Roe, Newcombe, Staley, Maglie, Jansen, Roberts—but most of them won't. To top the 20-game mark they must win from eight to ten games in the next two months, which is considerable winning. Roe and Newcombe should be kick-ins, with that Dodger collection supplying the runs.

It makes a heavy difference which team you are pitching for. Gerald Staley of the Cardinals has had a big year. So has Dickson of the Pirates—a poor ball club.

The amazing Bob Feller is still king of American League pitchers. Don't forget that Feller threw his first ball for Cleveland back in 1936, 15 years ago. He is still one of the greats.

On the record, Garver of the Browns is the top man. He is crowding Feller, but Garver is pitching for the Browns, not for the Indians. Just back of these we have Raschi, Reynolds and Lopat of the Yankees, Garcia of the Indians and Parnell of the Red Sox.

The big disappointment so far has been Bob Lemon, who has won 20 or more games his last three seasons.

Comparing the Heavyweights

A New Jersey letter arrives asking us to rank the four top heavyweights in order—including those who are soon to make what is often called pugilistic history.

Hardest puncher—in order—Joe Louis, Rocky Marciano, Joe Walcott, Ezzard Charles.

Best boxer—Ezzard Charles.

Ability to take it—Joe Louis, Joe Walcott, Ezzard Charles, Rocky Marciano (an unknown quantity in this respect).

Ring smartness—Almost a dead heat among Louis, Charles and Walcott. Here again Marciano is an unknown quantity. Marciano must be ranked an unknown quantity on most counts. He is young and strong and he can punch. But Layne, in spite of his victory over Walcott, was entirely too raw, too unskilled, to give any man a rating against him. A fighter who doesn't know he has a left hand simply can't be used as a measure.

THE WASHINGTON Merry-Go-Round

BY DREW PEARSON

Bradley Gets Riled

GEN. OMAR BRADLEY, who doesn't get riled easily, was pretty sore when he heard how one of his own army spokesmen had blurted out to a press conference the name of an airborne division which had been transferred from Korea to Japan.

The incident took place in a press conference at which the army was explaining how Chinese Communists had built up their strength in North Korea while we had weakened ours.

What happened was that General Ridgway had cabled Washington for permission to transfer the airborne division in question to northern Japan because of the fact that the Russians had two airborne divisions poised on the island of Sakhalin, threatening northern Japan. While the two Russian divisions have only enough airplanes between them to move one division at a time, Ridgway wanted to be on guard against a surprise airborne attack on Japan.

Washington accordingly gave permission to transfer the American airborne division back to Japan. Such a troop movement is highly secret. But the Pentagon briefing officer, anxious to prove that the Chinese have used the true talks to build up their strength, blurted out the movement of this particular division to a roomful of newsmen to which foreign correspondents are admitted.

When General Bradley heard of this, he tried to call army chief of staff, Gen. Joe Collins, but couldn't reach him. So he summoned assistant chief of staff Maj. Gen. C. L. Bolte and ordered a full investigation of who pulled the boner.

Eisenhower Says No

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has quietly passed the word to his GOP boosters that he is not interested in the Republican nomination—if isolationists control the party.

In addition, let it be known that he is upset by the timid and hesitant policy of internationally-minded Republicans and the way they let bitter attacks on him go unheeded.

One close friend who returned from Paris recently put it this way: "If the Republicans want Ike merely to bail out the party and win an election, they're badly mistaken. That would be like putting a million dollar jockey on a two dollar horse."

"The general is not the least bit interested in running for President just to accommodate a candidate for sheriff. Those who say they want Ike so badly are going to have to do a lot more than say, 'he's a fine fellow and will win the election for us.' They'll have to work and fight to make the Republican party the kind of place where the general would feel at home."

Eisenhower's close friends agree that this issue will largely decide whether he consents to run—and on which party. They claim Eisenhower is disturbed by four factors:

1. The prospect that as the GOP nominee he might help elect an isolationist Republican congress which would then proceed to dump the military and economic aid program which he has been spearheading.

2. The lack of a hard-hitting, effective international-minded GOP bloc in congress, as existed when Sen. Arthur Vandenberg was active. The last attempt to organize the internationalists among Senate Republicans was in January, 1949, when Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., called a meeting. This rump group met only once.

Taft Tightens Grip

3. The way the Taft-isolationist wing has grabbed control of the GOP party machinery. Ab Hermann, the national committee's executive director, boasted to senate secretaries the other night: "We're building a sound organization precinct by precinct, so we won't have to ride to victory on the coattails of a strong and popular figure." The Taft crowd are in charge of the Chicago convention machinery and determined to prevent an Eisenhower gallery demonstration.

4. The noisy attacks on the general from both the Chicago Tribune and the Gerald L. K. Smith brand of hate mongers. The mails are being flooded with vile diatribes against the general, while his GOP friends sit on the sidelines.

Washington Pipeline

The senate investigating committee is checking on officials who drive around in government automobiles with no identification painted on the sides. This is against the law. (Senators suspect that some officials are using government automobiles for their own personal driving.) . . . The house armed services committee plans to follow up the senate report on military housing with another sharp blast in the very near future.

Farm Topics

Praying Mantis Is Oddest Friend of Man

Its Unending Hunger Is Farmer's Greatest Ally

The Praying Mantis (see sketch below), is one of the oddest of all friends of man.

Three inches or more in length, green or brown, the mantis suggests some prehistoric monster in miniature. In perfect silence, it awaits the coming of each new victim. Its spined forelegs folded meekly in an attitude of prayer. Once the victim is within reach, these forelegs shoot out, the blades snap shut, and the prey is held as helpless as though it were caught in a toothed steel trap.

Thus the insect that will kill many of the pests that harm American



crops is described in the July issue of Coronet magazine.

The mantis is driven by an almost-unending hunger for living victims. So valuable is the insatiable hunger of the mantis for caterpillars, beetles and moths, that in many parts of the country people place their egg-cases in their gardens.

It will eat bumblebees, crickets, houseflies, grasshoppers, spiny caterpillars, hornets, cabbage butterflies, Japanese beetles and even Black Widow spiders.

The mantis is entirely harmless to man. Its appetite is probably the farmer's greatest ally in his battle against insects and bugs. Special care should be taken not to destroy them.

Nearby Woodlands Offer Stock for Landscaping

Nearby woodlands offer a variety of nursery stock for rural families who may be planning to landscape their grounds to improve the view through their picture windows.

Many of these plantings can be fitted into an overall landscaping plan so they bring out a sizable saving to the rural homemaker.

A number of plantings are common to woodlands in many sections. Some examples are rhododendron, dogwood, scotch pine, hilly, pine and laurel, all of which are used extensively in landscaping plans.

In addition, there are a variety of trees which may be used for shade. The American elm, which affords excellent shade, is found in many sections. There are also several varieties of ash as well as the different types of oak trees whose autumn colors vary from muted rose to brilliant scarlet. The hard maple also makes an excellent shade tree.

For screening and boundary plantings, most woodlands offer an assortment of evergreens which will fit well into the landscaping plan of most rural homemakers.

Goose Pelts



The modern goose may not be able to lay a golden egg, but there seems to be gold in her skin. The model above displays two sample goose pelts. Through a recently-developed process, goose skins are tanned, then the down is dyed. The result is an incredibly soft, warm pelt which has captured the interest of the fashion world and promises to bring gold to goose raisers. Possible uses include deluxe power puffs (already being made), trim for negligees, dresses, baby shoes, hats, and bathing suits.

Strange Disease Strikes Henderson Swine Herds

Farmers in the area around Henderson, Kentucky, have lost more than 1,000 hogs from a disease which veterinarians so far have been unable to identify definitely. The disease has been found in the Henderson area during the summer for the past several years, and each year the number of swine affected has increased. Over 150 herds have been treated so far this summer vets reported.

SPORTSMAN'S HORIZON

By JIM RHODY

Duck Utopia

Come the 1951 duck hunting season, the largest concentration of migratory waterfowl in Iowa may be found a mile east of Tripoli, a Bremer County town of 1,100 population.

There, in the lowlands of the Wapsipicon River valley, construction crews are working around the clock on what will be a huge man-made marsh to serve as a breeding grounds and sanctuary for water birds.

Here Iowa sportsmen will see tangible returns from the federal taxes they have been paying on sporting arms and ammunition.

This federal tax is levied under the Pittman-Robertson Act, which provides that the federal tax money collected will be prorated back to the states in direct proportion to the number of hunting licenses issued in the respective states.

The Pittman-Robertson appropriation provides that 25 per cent of the cost of the project must be paid by the state.

The state has acquired 1,700 acres of waste land for the project, of which approximately 1,000 acres will be covered with water ranging in depth from a few inches to possibly as deep as 12 feet in one location where an old lake bed creates a sizeable depression.

Watch It!

Science has now added its proof as a warning to riflemen against the danger of ricochet caused by shooting at water or at stones.

That a bullet which ricochets from water loses practically none of its velocity, and a bullet that ricochets from stone deforms and can produce severe wounds, was brought out in a series of tests of 22 caliber ammunition made in the interest of safe shooting in the ballistic laboratories of Western Cartridge Company.

The test revealed that a Super-X 22 caliber long rifle bullet had a velocity of 1240 feet per second at 13 feet from the muzzle where it struck water. After ricocheting from the water the bullet still had a velocity of 1195 feet per second—a loss of only 45 feet.

Pictures of the tests, believed to be the first ever made to illustrate ricochet, appear in the May issue of Sports Afield. The photographs were made at 21,000,000ths of a second. Cubes of gelatin backed up by blocks of wood caught the bullets after they ricocheted. The wide channels cut into the blocks by bullets which ricocheted from stone gave dramatic evidence of their resulting deformation.

The shape of a bullet's nose determines to some extent the angle at which a bullet will ricochet from water, but Western's tests indicated that ricochets from water occur at an angle of about 11 degrees and at 15 degrees will no longer occur. Since it is impossible for a rifleman under most circumstances to determine the angle at which his bullet will strike water, the only safe rule to follow is to shoot only when you are sure of your backstop. And never shoot when there is any likelihood of your bullet striking either water or stone.

Depends On You

The fate of your wildlife—of your outdoor recreation—depends upon you more than it does upon the elected and employed officials of the state and federal conservation agencies. They can make rules and regulations designed to protect the resource—they can do their best to enforce them; but unless you 25 million hunters and fishermen in these United States co-operate and do something on your own, the case will eventually be hopelessly lost.

The chap who shoots more birds than his limit, or who takes more fish than the regulations prescribe is not being smart and fooling the game warden. Instead, he is robbing his son and his son's son of one of the finest things that America has provided for its people. He is helping to bring to an end the success of a plan that has never survived in any other heavily populated country. He is contributing to the downfall of one of the greatest heritages that we have—one that folks all over the world envy and admire. He is not cheating that "nosey game warden"—the wildlife does not belong to him. Rather the man who violates the game laws is cheating those millions of young Dickies and Johnnies and Joes and Georges and Dorises and Marys and Myrtles who would also like some day to take part in that great American experiment.

Did You Know?

That poor fishing generally is not an index of the abundance of the desired kinds of fish?

Skill of the angler, embracing equipment used, knowledge of habits of species fished for, place, season, and time of fishing, are all factors which bear on success. Seasonal distribution of fish, influenced by natural food supply, temperature and oxygen content of water, make up other side of picture. Catch can be poor even though fish abound.

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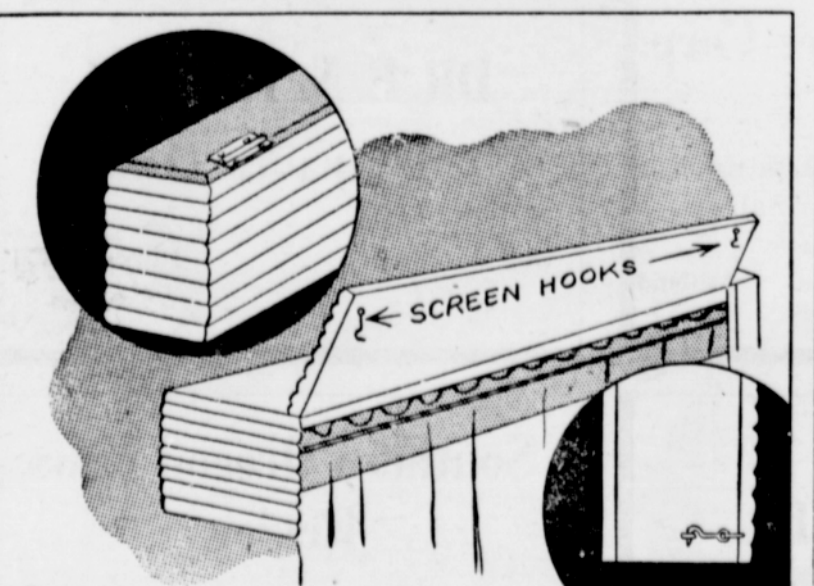
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