

## SPORTS

### TED LYONS TOPS AMERICAN LEAGUE HURLERS IN ERA

Veteran's Mark Is 2.10 Runs Per Game — Chicago Chuckler Wins 14, Loses 6

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New York, Dec. 22—(U.P.)—Ted Lyons, pitching patriarch of the Chicago White Sox, completed 20 consecutive years of mound service last season by compiling the best earned-run average in the American league, official averages based on 100 or more innings disclosed today.

Lyons stepped directly off the Baylor university campus in 1923 to a steady job with the White Sox. Despite his 42 years, he has become the best Sunday pitcher in the game. He registered a mark of 2.10 while winning 14 and losing only six. He worked in 180 innings, faced 681 batters, allowed 167 hits, 42 earned runs out of a total of 52, gave up 26 bases on balls and fanned 50.

A pair of New York Yankees' righthanders, Ernie Bonham and Spud Chandler, followed Lyons in the earned run tables. Bonham, one of the two pitchers to win 20 or more games in '42, compiled a mark of 2.27 to Chandler's 2.37.

**Bonham Second**  
Bonham won 21 and lost five while working in 226 innings against 840 batters. He allowed 199 hits and 57 earned runs, 24 bases on balls, and fanned 71. Chandler triumphed in 16 games to five losses, allowed 178 hits in 201 innings while facing 743 batters. He gave up 53 earned runs, fanned 74 and walked 74.

Bonham and Tex Hughson of the Boston Red Sox were the only men to top the 20-games-won mark. Bonham's record ranked him third in the won-and-lost percentage column while Hughson's with the league high total of 22 victories against six losses placed seventh with .786. No. 1 man in the victory-average column was Wilbur Butland of the Red Sox, whose seven victories and one defeat gave him a mark of .875. Butland also tied the major league record for the

## ALUMNI QUINTET TO FACE BENGALS WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Former basketball stars of Medford high will again trod the local maple Wednesday night when an alumni team, led by Big Bill Wall and Henry Herman, students at Oregon State college, face the varsity Tigers in a game starting at 8:15.

In addition to Wall and Herman, the grads will have Walt Kresse, Bob Reynolds, Hugh Williams and Warren Holbrook, among others, in action. Herman was captain of last year's district 4 champs and also playing for the 1941-42 Tiger quint was Reynolds and Wall.

It will seem like old times when the "aluminums" take the floor, for coaching them will be Russ Acheson, Medford mentor last season who is here after having completed his civilian's pilot training course at Klamath Falls. Acheson will be leading the boys he tutored for several years.

The Bengals, according to Coach Lorne Arnold, will line up with Captain Don Fawcett and Darrell Monteith at the forwards; Dale Niedermeyer at center and Al Weir and Hob Deuel at the guards.

The Medford sophs will play an Order of the M team in the 7 o'clock preliminary.

## Fight's Last Night

By United Press  
Baltimore, Md. — Alf Brown, 247½, Detroit, outpointed Pat Comiskey, 226, Patterson, N. J., (10).

Holyoke, Mass.—Henry Vasquez, 137, New York, outpointed Johnny Compo, 130, New Haven, Conn., (10); Jim Renick, 140, Hartford, Conn., won a foul over Joe Gillis, 135, North Adams, Mass., (3).

most putouts made by a pitcher in a single game with five.

Strikeout honors went to Hughson with 113 in 281 innings and Buck Newsom, who whiffed the same amount in 214 innings with Washington. Last year's total was 260 registered by Bobby Feller for Cleveland.

The '42 season duplicated the 1941 American league campaign in providing no no-hit games. It was the 20th time in the circuit's history—constituting a major league record—in which a pitcher failed to notch a hitless game.

## Veteran Ted Lyons Too Good For Own Good; Joins Marines

By Jack Cuddy  
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New York, Dec. 22—(U.P.)—Success in sports, particularly baseball, can provide some talented athletes with extremely lucrative careers yet for Ted Lyons, Chicago White Sox righthander pitching veteran, exceptional ability brought hard luck—he was too capable for his own good.

Lyons, 42, oldest pitcher in the major leagues, reports shortly to Quantico, Va., as a first lieutenant in the marines. Although he left baseball with one of the greatest victory records in that sport's long history, he was tied to a mediocre team by the very ableness of his own efforts.

The amiable, good-looking Scotch-Irishman got an unlucky break the very day in 1923 that he stepped off the Baylor university campus into the uniform of the White Sox. In 20 years of pitching for these door-mats of the American league he won 259 games, yet not once did his club finish in first to provide him with the thrill that makes every baseball man's life complete—participation in the World Series.

Lyons could have grumbled about the low card he drew in the diamond draw but he took a bad hand and played it to the hilt. Official American league averages released today capped his superb career by making his 2.10 earned run average the best in the league.

In 180 innings of pitching, he faced 681 batters—all this, while younger players than he had retired—won 14, lost six, gave up 167 hits, 42 earned runs out of a total of 52, allowed 26 bases on balls and fanned 50.

Superlatives grow scarce when it comes to describing the will to win that has made Lyons such a year-in, year-out idol of baseball men.

Perhaps a remark made at a chance argument in a recent dugout discussion can best illustrate what we mean. The debate hinged on a theoretical game which would have had thousands of dollars hanging on the outcome with the selection of a pitcher coming from a choice of the major league moundmen, past and present.

The immortal Tris Speaker shot his answer in the debate: "I'd pick Ted Lyons without a second thought. With him on the hill, I wouldn't have a thing to worry about. They don't come any tougher."

## SECOND HOCKEY BATTLE TONIGHT

The second ice hockey battle of the young four-team circuit will be played at the Medford Ice Arena tonight starting at 7:45, with the 91st Infantry Division Snipers meeting the 78th Hospital Clippers.

Both clubs, composed entirely of soldiers stationed at Camp White, have several former college and semi-professional players gracing their rosters.

In the opening loop game last Saturday night, the USO Bombers trimmed the 91st Gunners, 8 to 1, and the winner of tonight's contest is expected to be the team to battle it out with the powerful Bombers for the league championship.

## MOST FANS WANT GRID CONTINUANCE

Chicago, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — Ninety-six per cent of the nation's football fans want intercollegiate football continued during the war, a poll conducted by the American Athletic Institute indicated today.

Maj. John L. Griffith, commissioner of the Big Ten and president of the institute, reported that approximately 25,000 replies had been received from among 100,000 questionnaires distributed at football games this fall.

He said 96 per cent of the ballots asked for continued competition and 98 per cent expressed the belief that football strengthened wartime morale.

## BOWLING

Ladies league results last night: Office Supply 3, Davis Transfer 1; Richfield Oil 3, Valentine's 1. Scores follow:

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| Davis Transfer:      | Office Supply:    |
| Sims, E. — 531       | Colton, F. — 488  |
| Offord, E. — 848     | Swoope, A. — 841  |
| Corwin, H. — 421     | Franka, B. — 458  |
| Beckholder, F. — 384 | Johnson, V. — 428 |
| Priebe, E. — 440     | Adler, V. — 848   |

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| Richfield Oil:     | Valentine's Cafe: |
| Prochnow, M. — 877 | Dewar, E. — 365   |
| Walter, G. — 308   | DeMarco, D. — 381 |
| Hagen, C. — 378    | Hagen, J. — 384   |
| Knips, G. — 479    | Bush, F. — 413    |
| Shawwood, M. — 808 | Goble, E. — 507   |

## ARMSTRONG WILL FIGHT ROBINSON

Los Angeles, Dec. 22—(U.P.)—The off-and-on welterweight battle between undefeated Ray (Sugar) Robinson and Henry Armstrong will be fought January 29 in New York's Madison Square Garden, Armstrong's manager, George Moore, announced today.

Moore said "Hammerin' Henry" will definitely meet the Harlem sensation on that date, despite previous reports the fight had been cancelled. He said Promoter Mike Jacobs confirmed the fight yesterday by telephone.

The Armstrong-Robinson bout previously was scheduled for the Garden January 29, but was dropped after Robinson declared he "didn't want to hurt Hank's eyes."

## Connie Mack Is 80 Today; No Thought Of Quitting Game

Philadelphia, Dec. 22—(U.P.)—Connie Mack was 80 years old today and the perpetual motion man of baseball snorted at reports that his beloved Athletics might have to use men of 40—"because that's too old for a ball player."

"No, we won't use men of

40," he said. "We'll stick to youngsters, those the army doesn't want."

Even though men half his age are "too old" even in a wartime player shortage, the tall, white-haired, grand old man of baseball still gives no thought to retirement.

"I'm in 100 per cent shape—and liable to go right on until I'm 100," Connie said.

Mack is pleased that the government is interested in the continuation of baseball.

"Government officials have taken a sensible attitude," he said. "Their attitude is a lot different than in 1918."

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 22—(U.P.)—Big Boy Alf Brown, Detroit Negro, won a 10-round decision

over Pat Comiskey of Paterson, N. J., before 3,000 fans at the coliseum last night.

Matching two of the biggest men in the game, the fight was slow and uneventful but there was no doubt that Brown outpointed Comiskey.

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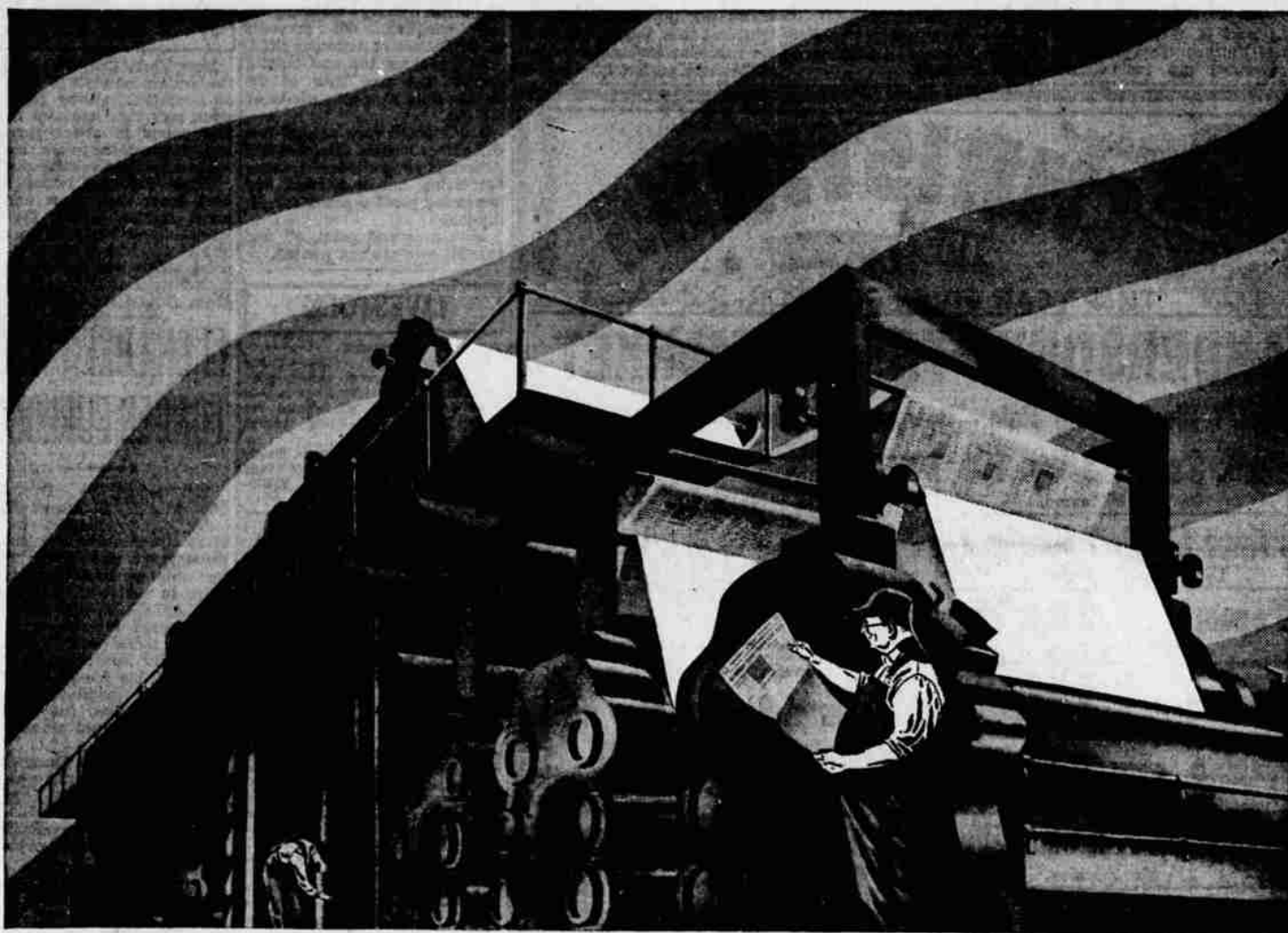
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