

SPORTS

CRAIG WOOD TOPS
MIAMI OPEN FIELD

Miami, Fla., Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—Craig Wood of Mamoroneck, N. Y., the duration national open champion, was the front runner in the \$5,000 Miami open golf tournament today, but it appeared likely that he would have trouble with a "graveyard" shift war worker and a detective.

Wood refused to let strong headwinds and weather that isn't supposed to exist in Miami disturb his game and carded a two under par 68, pacing a field of 123 golfers in the opening round yesterday.

Ranking next with a 69 was Steve Wargo, Jr., who works all night in a Miami aircraft factory. Top strokesmen in the amateur contingent were Earl Christiansen, the Miami sleuth, and Willie Turnesa, former national amateur champion with 70's. Also tied with them for third place was Orville White of Winston-Salem, N. C., another outsider.

Rickey Picks Cubs
As Team to Watch

New York, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—The Chicago Cubs, who finished fifth last season, were tabbed today by Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers as the team to watch in the 1944 National league pennant race.

At the first of his off-season press conferences yesterday, Rickey said that "under existing conditions, the Cubs are the boys to watch. They have a number of outstanding men and that young pitcher, Henry Wyse, is a fellow that is really great."

Today's Sport Parade

By Jack Cuddy
United Press Staff Correspondent.
New York, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—That innocent little story out of Eugene, Ore., about in-again-out-again Joe Gordon deciding for the second time to quit baseball for the duration reads to us like the advertisement for "A Great American Tragedy."

It emphasizes the wartime menace to our millions of forgotten high school kids. It raises storm warnings against removal of wholesome idols from the vista of our rising generation, upon whom the future of our nation—and perhaps the world—depends.

Civilian Complex
The facts in the Gordon case are simple. The brilliant second baseman of the world champion New York Yankees announced yesterday at Eugene that he would join some branch of the armed service before spring. Previously he had made two other announcements: (1) that he was quitting baseball to engage in war work, and (2) that he would play baseball as usual.

These scrambled announcements indicate that 28-year-old Gordon is suffering from a praiseworthy but at times unfortunate affliction which may be called "civilian complex"—a psychosis in which every passer-by seems to be asking "Why in hell aren't you in uniform?"

Gordon, a pre-Pearl Harbor father of a three-year-old daughter and an 18-month-old son, is not the only ball player suffering from "civilian complex." Unfortunately he has plenty of company, because the status of organized baseball in the war effort never has been properly defined, although President Roosevelt gave it the "green light" before the first war season.

Who To Blame
Such a situation exists through the combined fault of baseball's executives, Washington officials, and heads of our high school education system. Baseball's namby-pamby brass hats are chiefly at fault. They have

failed to establish the proper spark-plug in Washington—failed to impress busy officials and the busy wartime public with the importance of the game's indirect contribution to the war effort in maintaining civilian morale and preventing juvenile delinquency.

Baseball's senile leaders have carried on apologetically while racing, for example, established its powerful lobby and paved the way for elimination of the proposed federal five per cent tax on pari-mutuels wagers and arranged for the transportation of hundreds of horses to most distant corners of our land.

Baseball has failed pathetically to claim its proper place in the war effort. It has failed to demand recognition as America's cleanest and most wholesome entertainment—the sport that provides "proper gods" for the youth of our high schools in their formative years.

With athletic idols removed, or shunted into the background, during wartime, our millions of high school youngsters unfortunately try to ape the antics of service men on furlough. Those service men have earned the right to play hard and have one helluva time. But their pastimes should not be shared by imitative high school kids. When they are, we have juvenile delinquency. And that today, is one of America's greatest problems. That's why the Gordon story reads like the advertisement for "A Great American Tragedy."

Slammin' Sammy
3 to 1 Favorite

New York, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—Slammin' Sammy Angott, the National Boxing association's lightweight champion, is a 3-1 favorite to spank the ring's "problem child" Young Bobby Ruffin tonight in their 10-round non-title bout at Madison Square Garden.

Ruffin became a "problem child" on Oct. 4 by winning an upset decision over Beau Jack. Since then his prowess or lack of it has puzzled the experts; he burned himself with a sun lamp, causing postponement of tonight's bout from Nov. 29, and he has been bickering constantly with Beau Jack, Angott and Promoter Mike Jacobs.

HELLSHIP BASKETMEN
CHALK UP FOURTH WIN

Portland, Ore., Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—The Albina Hellships' basketball team of former college stars today held a string of four case victories over northwest collegiate teams after defeating the University of Washington Huskies 36-32 here last night.

COUNT FLEET IS
HORSE OF YEAR

New York, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—Count Fleet, the three-year-old champion from the stables of Mrs. John D. Hertz, today won horse of the year honors in what amounted to a one-horse walk-over.

The fast-stepping brown son of Reigh Count, only quadruple crown winner in turf history, took 135 of a possible 143 first place votes in a national poll conducted by the Turf and Sport Digest. It was the most one-sided nomination in the eight years of balloting.

Count Fleet won on the basis of six straight triumphs and despite the fact that he had not gone to the post since suffering a leg injury in winning the

Belmont Stakes on June 5. The speedy colt's triumphs included the Kentucky Derby, Preakness, Wood and Withers.

Named as leaders in other divisions were:

Two-year-old colts: Occupy.
Two-year-old fillies: Twilight Tear.

Four-year-olds and up: Market Wise.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

(By United Press)
Philadelphia — Billy Grant, 168, Orange, N. J., decisioned Dusty Wilkerson, 172, Philadelphia (8).

Fall River, Mass. — Freddy Cabral, 149, Cambridge, Mass., stopped Buddy Harris, 147, Newark, N. J. (2); Leo Du Maine, 133, Worcester, Mass., knocked out Kid Wildcat, 136, U. S. army (2).

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WEST SQUAD GETS
5 FROM AIR FORCE

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—Five stars of the Fourth Air Force football team from March Field today were added to the West squad for the Shrine East-West New Year's day game, along with Dick Ashcom, University of Oregon tackle.

Signed from the powerful Flyer squad were Bob De Fruiter, ex-Nebraska player who averaged 10.5 yards per carry at halfback this season; Jimmy Nelson, passing ace from Alabama; Hank Norberg, former Stanford end; Sal Rosato, plunging fullback from Villanova, and Walt Mesmer, 220 pound tackle and staff sergeant. Co-Coaches Babe Hollingbery of Washington State and Buck

Shaw of Santa Clara now have secured 19 of 24 squad members, the limit having been raised from 22 yesterday to allow for possible military calls of players.

BOWLING

In social league games played last night Tolly's Gilmore Service defeated Moore Super Service 3 to 0 (Eads 588, Eads 213). Littrell Parts beat Medford Feed and Seed 2 to 1 (C. Proctor 244, C. Proctor 212), and Office Supply defeated Jarmin's Drugs 3 to 0 (E. Sims 613, E. Sims 233).

GRAPPLER WEDS

Hollywood, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—Wrestler Vincent Lopez, 32, and Film Actress Orinanna Smith, 28, were honeymooning today after their marriage in the private chambers of Superior Judge Stanley Mosk. Lopez and Miss Smith met in Tennessee on one of the wrestler's bouts.

see on one of the wrestler's bout tours.

In a campaign against locusts in the Middle East, conducted by Allied governments, fighting planes using arsenic spray instead of explosives fly as low as seven feet above ground.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify. 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember

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Unit Name	
(Company, Etc.)	
Transfers (include dates)	
Rank and Promotions	
Citations, Decorations, Medals, Honors	
Where Stationed	
Date of Discharge	
Informant	
Other Data	

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In filling out questionnaire, be sure to write plainly or print legibly.
Mail or deliver filled in blank to Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, Medford, Chamber of Commerce, Ashland or any member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, or Disabled American Veterans.
If all questions cannot be answered by informant, fill in what you can and additional data may be added later.
Don't wait for someone else to send in the names. If there are duplications, they will be caught at the indexing center.