

Today's Sport Parade

By Jack Cuddy

United Press Staff Correspondent

New York, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—Lt. Walter Scholl of the army air force, former all-America halfback at Cornell, recalls with enthusiasm his "mousetrap" in the sky.

Scholl, a husky youngster with wavy brown hair, who wears the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Silver Star, and the Air Medal with eight clusters, worked the "mousetrap" on a veteran German pilot in Scholl's first combat above Kasserine pass, Tunisia, one morning in November, 1942.

Drive For Bombers
"It was during our initial invasion of Africa," Scholl explained. "Seven Junkers bombers and their escort of five Messerschmitt fighters were coming over. Two of us combat pilots went up to face them in our single-seat P-40 Warhawks. Capt. James Raddin and I drove our planes straight for the bombers. We had two of them in flames when the

Messerschmitts came down on us. "I headed for Raddin, when the M.E.'s started down. He was heading for another bomber, and apparently didn't see the first M.E. when it started after him. It was my first combat; but I knew in a split second that I could get on the M.E.'s tail. I could bring him down before he got Raddin. I said to myself, 'I'll mousetrap that guy let him pass me, and then bottle him between me and Raddin.'"

Big Shot Victim
"So I feinted at a bomber; and when the M.E. swooped past after Raddin, I swung over and around and bore down on the M.E.'s tail. I shot him down in a hurry. When they pulled this dead German out of the wreckage later, he proved to be a lieutenant colonel—veteran of much combat, who had earned the Iron Cross back in 1939. It was ironic that this iron crosser should be shot down by a novice in his first combat—a novice lucky enough to have had football training."

Scholl, who threw the historic "fifth down" pass on which Cornell beat Dartmouth in 1940, is stationed temporarily at the army air force re-distribution center, Atlantic City, after a year of flying in the Mediterranean area. He went on 73 missions and had 220 combat hours.

SHRINE ELEVENS READY TO DRILL

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—The east and west football squads began preparing in earnest today for the annual Shrine All-Star classic here New Year's Day.

Coach Andy Kerr's eastern team, brought to full strength by the late arrival of Charles Avery, Minnesota halfback, began workouts at University of Santa Clara.

The west squad, shy one of its 24 members and temporarily deprived of the services of End Abe Croft of Southern Methodist University by influenza worked out under Coaches Babe Hollingsbery and Buck Shaw at Menlo Junior College.

George Bettbridge, blocking fullback from University of Utah, joined the west squad yesterday, but the choice of a 24th member is still to be announced.

Christmas Present For Brooklyn Bums

New York, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—The Brooklyn Dodgers received a Christmas present from President Branch Rickey today—assurance there will be no pay reductions for any of them next season, despite reports that there would be a general slashing because of the team's disappointing showing in the 1943 pennant race.

SPORTS

RUDY YORK ALSO COPS LAURELS IN RUNS BATTED IN

Tiger Home Run King Brought 118 Across the Plate Is Shown by Data.

By Glen Perkins
(United Press Correspondent)
New York, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—Rudy York, the Detroit Tigers' home run king, also won the American league runs batted in championship as his booming bat blasted 118 tallies across the plate, league figures released today revealed.

York, capping one of his best years with 34-circuit clouts, passed the 100 mark in runs driven in for the fifth time in his eight-year career in the major leagues. His power performance was 11 better than the runner-up total of 107, compiled by Nick Etten, New York Yankees first baseman.

Johnson Third
Yankee Third Baseman Bill Johnson, who gave one of the finest first year performances the league has seen, was third in the R-B-I column with 94.

In 1942 there were five players who drove in 100 or more runs, while only two turned the trick this season. York's leading total was 19 less than Ted Williams' 137—'42's top performance.

Charley Keller of the New York Yankees proved to be the most feared man at the plate—drawing 106 walks—the only man to pass the 100-mark in that department. Teammate Joe Gordon, the Yankee second sacker, was passed 98 times and Roy Cullenbine of Cleveland walked on 98 occasions. Keller's 106 was considerably lower than Williams' 145 the previous year.

Dubious Honor
To Mickey Vernon, Washington first baseman, went the somewhat dubious honor of being hit by more pitched balls than any other player in the league. Vernon was thumped 10 times while Frank Crosetti, New York leadoff man and leader in that department for several years, tied for second with Joe Kuhel, Chicago, both catching bumps seven times.

Chet Laabs of the Browns struck out more than any other player, whiffing 103 times. The only other player to fan more than 100 times was Joe Hoover, Detroit shortstop, with 101 blanks.

Death of Fighter Held Accidental

Chicago, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—A coroner's jury said today that the death of Al Reasoner, 23-year-old Negro lightweight fighter, who was injured in a bout Monday, was accidental.

Reasoner died Tuesday after his fight with Fred Dawson was stopped in the 10th round when Reasoner, a Chicago youth who came up through the CYO ranks, collapsed on the ropes.

JACK SHARKEY ABROAD TO ENTERTAIN TROOPS

Algiers, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—Jack Sharkey, former heavyweight boxing champion, showed up in Algiers today carrying the gloves he wore the night he beat Max Schmeling for the title. Sharkey, tanned and tipping the scales at 213 pounds—only 23 more than he weighed that night at Madison Square 11 years ago—is a member of the first USO sports group to tour the U. S. army camps overseas.

Cage Scores

(By United Press)
Princeton 51, Rider College 33.
Great Lakes Naval 45, De Pauw 28.
Temple 51, Franklin and Marshall 41.
Oklahoma A. & M. 39, Enid Army Flying School 28.
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FDR Reviews Sicily Vets and Mascot



As their mascot pup ambles along ahead of them, battle-helmeted American veterans of the Sicilian campaign march "eyes right" before President Roosevelt, left, during his recent Mediterranean visit. Army Air Force photo from OWI.

Plastic Surgery Is Aid To Hurt Fliers In Come-Back

By Dudley Ann Harmon
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East Grinstead, England.—(U.P.)—An American flyer comes to the Queen Victoria hospital here minus a nose—and goes out again with an even better looking one fashioned from his hip.

Men who have lost their eyes—lost and weep constantly as a result—stop crying here; they're fitted with brand-new lids made from the inside skin of their arms.

Miracles of plastic surgery are taking place in this remote English village under the direction of New Zealander, Dr. Archibald H. McIndoe, who spent 10 years studying at the Mayo clinic in Rochester, Minn. More than 7,000 operations have been performed since the hospital was opened four years ago. Americans, through the British War Relief society, have just contributed \$120,000 to build a new operating clinic. At the moment operations are carried out in the draughty children's ward.

Most of the patients here are men who've looked in the glass and said, "I'll never be able to work again or marry. I won't even be able to face other people."

Yet, after one or two operations they are amazed to find that they have enough confidence to go, always with another patient, to a factory, where they work in pairs. Some, awaiting further surgery, may have wire cages on the lower half of their faces instead of jaws. They may be facing 25 more operations extending over two years. Yet many have been offered post-war jobs by the factory management.

I fumbled for words when I saw the bandaged face of an American Fortress pilot, but he was cheerful.

"You should see the colored photographs taken when I arrived," he grinned. "I look a lot better now."

Fliers with green hands—green from burns—with blistered blackened faces, are given new skin. Half a missing hand is made out of thick skin from the stomach, a part of the body which has a good blood supply. New eyebrows are made from a patient's hair. Noses come from hips, because the hip is easy to get at and the skin easily carved. This hospital owes a great deal to an American physician, Dr. E. C. Padgett, Kansas City, Mo., who invented a skin-removing machine which slices flesh thinner than tissue paper.

Men go about town here in all stages of plastic surgery. Yet nobody stares. This quaint old village is in the front line of the war; the Battle of Britain was

fought overhead and the people are used to war casualties. That's one reason it was selected as site of the hospital.

The nurses here are not only the best in their line, but the best-looking girls that can be found. At first authorities feared they might hesitate at sight of the patients. They not only nurse them, though—they marry them. There have been eight weddings since the hospital opened.

Flight Lt. Holbrook Mahes, Denver, Col., not only found new legs here, but also a wife. He spent 14 days in a dinghy in the icy waters of the North Sea. Today he's engaged to the WAAF orderly who gave him his saline baths.

Somehow this hospital manages to be a cheery place. Patients share the same wards so they won't brood in solitude over their disfigurements. They roam the town, going to dances and drinking beer at the pub. An RAF sergeant lives with them as their father-confessor and, if necessary, their companion on binges. They can have beer in their mess and wear their regular uniforms instead of dreary "hospital blue." They play billiards and read, not discarded novels people have given away to clear their cupboards, but current best-sellers.

The leading plastic surgery center in Britain is a cheery place, with wide windows, fresh flowers and pretty girls.

ARIZONA TIME

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—Arizonians will turn their clocks back an hour to pre-war mountain standard time at 12:01 a. m. January 1, 1944, in accordance with federal recommendation to save electricity. Gov. Sidney P. Osborn of Arizona said today.

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USC KICKER HAS RESPONSIBILITY

Los Angeles, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—If the Trojans can get around to putting over a touchdown on the first day of next year when they collide with the Washington Huskies, then Mr. Dick (Automatic) Jamison can step up and let all the pressure fall on his shoulders. Actually this rawboned guard with the trained kicking toe will have quite a load riding on him if he is called upon to kick points after touchdown.

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DUCKS WIN 55 TO 43 FROM FT. LEWIS FIVE

Portland, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—The University of Oregon Ducks last night topped the strong basketball team from the Fort Lewis reception center, 55 to 43, despite the dazzling play of Gail Bishop, who scored 21 points for Fort Lewis.

SUB-CHASER FLEET

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—Formation of a new flotilla of six sub-chasers, faster and more heavily armed than any of their predecessors, was announced today by the Canadian navy.

CREAM RIGHT ERASED

New York, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—The War Food administration was urged today to rescind the

privilege given physicians to prescribe heavy cream for patients on the grounds the right had been abused in some cases.

NOTICE OF FINAL MEETING IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON IN AND FOR JACKSON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SAMUEL A. ATCHISON, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that F. J. Newman, the undersigned Administrator of the estate of the above named decedent, has filed with the Clerk of the above entitled Court his duly verified FINAL ACCOUNT in said estate, and that the Judge of said Court has set the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. on January 25th, 1944, as the time and the courtroom of said Court in the court-house in Medford, Oregon, as the place, for the consideration of the said Final Account, the approval thereof, the discharging of said Administrator and his Bondsman from any and all further duty, responsibility and liability therein, and the final closing of said estate.

All persons having any interest in said estate are hereby directed and required to appear at said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why such relief should not be granted. Dated and first published on this 23rd day of December, 1943.

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LADY DOCTOR

By Peggy Gaddis



KEPT away from home for some time by her medical studies, Meredith Blake goes back for a visit before starting her career as assistant to Dr. Farley in a big city hospital. Accompanying her is Dr. Farley, who, aside from being her new boss, is also her fiancé. Learn what happens when Meredith's younger sister boldly asks him to take her to a dance. A new serial starting

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