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Etten Holds First Base For Yankees

Nick Etten Eighth Player To Hold Position Since Lou Gehrig Quit in 1939

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR
NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (AP)—When the New York Yankees begin their campaign for another baseball pennant April 21, the man at first base will be Nicholas Raymond (Nick) Etten—the eighth player to hold down that position since the late Lou Gehrig benched himself in 1939 after 17 years on the job.

Dipping into the National league for the second time in 13 months to get a capable first sacker, the American league champions obtained Etten yesterday from the Philadelphia Phils for two players and cash estimated at around \$10,000.

The Phils, who can use the cash as well as the players, received First Baseman Ed Levy and Pitcher Allen Gettel, who performed last year with the Yankees' Kansas City farm in the American association.

Etten will fill the gap created by the entrance into military service of Buddy Hassett, who came to the Yanks in December, 1941, from the Boston Braves.

A power hitter, Etten batted .311 for the Phils in 1941 but slumped to .205 last season. He is 28 years old, is married and has two children, and owns a 3-A draft classification.

Gettel, a righthander, won 12 games and lost 11 with Kansas City last season after a spring trial with the Yanks. Levy, who had a brief whirl with the Phils in 1940, hit .305 for the Blues after failing to make the grade with the Parent club. Both players are 3-A in the draft.

We got bawled out the other day by one of our gentle readers—he was gentle—who accused us of not giving enough attention to fishing at this time of year.

It seems he belongs to the lone wolf variety of sportsman who is not an enthusiast over group sports in which he can participate, but is a rabid outdoors sports man. He enjoys the things he can do himself such as fishing, tennis, skating, skiing, hunting and the like. He doesn't give two hoots for watching events like basketball or football games.

There are a lot of fellows like that, and a lot of fellows like fishing any time—even in the winter. However, we checked with Matt Flanigan on angling possibilities and he told us that with the exception of Upper Klamath lake which has special seasons, fishing through the ice is generally prohibited throughout Oregon. However, some hardy souls are venturing through slush and ice to open waters of Klamath river and making good catches.

After the Globe Trotter-All Star game Monday night, the authorities discovered that they must pay ten per cent of the gross gate to the Oregon AAU in Portland. In fact, the high school office received a telegram from Ray Brooks, president of the Oregon AAU, demanding ten per cent of the amateur players involved would be declared ineligible.

It seems that the AAU ruling on situations where the amateurs play professionals is that amateurs must obtain permission from the AAU to play or otherwise be declared ineligible, and that the fee for permission is ten per cent of the gate.

This puts a reason behind the ten per cent fee, which on the face of the Oregon president's demand appears to be "hush money" to prevent ineligibility of players who might need the opportunity to play in other amateur games.

The Globe Trotter manager tells us that Oregon is the only state where the AAU bothers to collect the ten per cent from small by-the-way games.

We are taking the stand that a player is either eligible or ineligible; that ten per cent of the gate doesn't make him eligible again. There is something wrong with that AAU ruling and it should be changed.

Bad weather has put the hush on some traveling hoop games and halted any attempt to get a game with Salem or Astoria for the Pelicans. It doesn't seem to bother the Victory league boys, however, they play every game scheduled.

FIGHTS
By The Associated Press
CHICAGO—Lee Savold, 191 lb., Des Moines, knocked out Nate Holden, 172 lb., Chicago (3); Len Franklin, 201, Chicago, knocked out Alton Allen, 194, Chicago (1); Clayton Woods, 191 lb., Chicago, outpointed Pat Comiskey, 221, (10).
PHILADELPHIA—Jiggs Donahue, 126 lb., Philadelphia, outpointed Jimmy McCallister, 124, Baltimore (9).
HIGHLAND PARK, N. J.—Joe Lynch, 157, Pleasantfield, N. J., outpointed Bernie Penn, 135, Newark, (5).
DETROIT—Jake Lametta, 160, New York, stopped Charley Hayes, 159, Detroit (6).
SAN FRANCISCO—Doug Wilson, 138, Carson City, Nev., dethroned Frankie Marino, 135, San Francisco (8).

Jumps Out of Trouble



Ted Nicksick of West Virginia clears New York university's Ray Lumpkin in race for basketball as Violet edges Mountaineers, 32-31, in thrilling overtime half of double-header played before 18,918 persons at Madison Square Garden.

Throws Sharp-Breaking Meat-Hook Now



PFC Ike Pearson, brilliant young pitcher of the Phillies, is ready to spring with bayonet at Parris Island, S. C., where he expects to qualify for marine corps officers' training.

Equally at Home



Otto Graham, who set a new midwest passing record in football, is equally at home as a Northwestern forward. A junior now, Graham last season ranked second in Big Ten scoring with 137 points on 69 field goals and 59 free throws.

St. Mary, Bear Hoop Men Win By One Point

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23 (AP)—St. Mary's college and the University of California Bears won basketball games last night by one-point margins.

It was their first Pacific Coast conference, southern division, hoop victory for California's Bears. They defeated Stanford 33-32 at Berkeley.

St. Mary's defeated Santa Clara 39-38 at San Jose, evening a Bronco victory over the Gaels several weeks ago.

At Los Angeles the USC basketball team walloped the UCLA Bruins again to carry on an 11-year tradition.

The Bruins went down to defeat 60 to 49 in a game which at times gave the Trojans a run for their money.

Zurita Outscrapes Then Drops Eddie Marcus for Ten

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 23 (AP)—Juan Zurita, Mexico City, outscraped Eddie Marcus, Los Angeles, for six rounds last night at Hollywood Legion stadium and then floored him for the full count.

Marcus, 134 lb., was backtracking most of the time and attempting only counter punches. Referee Abe Roth said Marcus complained of a rib injury at the end of the fifth. Zurita, 134, floored him in this round with a right to the ribs. A similar blow in the sixth put Marcus out.

It was Zurita's farewell fight before he goes east to have a crack at Sammy Angott's abandoned lightweight title.

Freddie Wolcott, Hurdler, Passes Indoor Track Meets

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 23 (AP)—Ensign Freddie Wolcott, ex-Rice Institute track star and holder of many hurdle records, is passing the eastern indoor meets—he's too busy making hops for Uncle Sam.

"I'd sure like to hit those boards again," admits Freddie, assigned to the navy pre-flight school here, "but I have more important things to do." He already has turned down invitations to six major meets.

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Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (AP)—Looking farther ahead than a good many folks, Elmer Ripley, Georgetown basketball coach, sees a comeback in store for pro basketball under wartime conditions. . . . His idea is that the pros can cash in on the current popularity of the college game and the fact that basketball gas-rationed fans can reach them. . . . Colleges are turning out more good players than ever before, and those boys want a chance to play," Elmer recently told the Washington star's Lew Atchison. . . .

There's no doubt about what kind of basketball the fans like. You can see for yourself in Madison Square garden, where we once sat through a pro game yawning in unison with about 200 other spectators. . . . But pro basketball has a long way to come back. It still survives in the American and National leagues and a few "independent" and traveling teams, but even in its best days it never was a big-time or a big-money sport.

TODAY'S GUEST STAR
J. P. Wynne, Lock Haven (Pa.) Express: "The two Philadelphia baseball clubs lead the major leagues. The A's have 18 men in the armed forces; the Phils 17. It appears the Quaker City boys will have done their best in the world series." . . .

SERVICE DEPT.
Nat Arno, old-time Newark, N. J., boxer, who just returned from North Africa, reports that over there he bumped into Gaston Charles, French featherweight, fighting with the Free French forces. . . . Delbert Bingham, former Big Seven basketball scoring champ at Utah State, was "washed out" by the navy air corps but joined the army fliers and won his wings. . . . Leo Dotter, the Newport, Ky., jockey, took his army physical at New Orleans Thursday morning. That afternoon he had just one mount for his final fling at riding. He brought home Fine Brook to pay a nifty \$91.60.

Washington Cancels Swimming Meet With Oregon Staters

SEATTLE, Jan. 23 (AP)—The University of Washington announced last night that a swimming meet scheduled for tonight with the Oregon State college aquatic team had been cancelled because of travel troubles encountered by the Beavers.

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will be paid by the Klamath County Court for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons destroying or mutilating any Klamath county road or street signs.

Washington Drops Oregon, Ties With WSC for First In Conference Hoop Chase

By The Associated Press
The University of Washington and Washington State college basketball teams moved into a tie for first place in the northern division Pacific Coast conference race last night, defeating the University of Oregon, 52 to 48, and University of Idaho, 54-46, respectively.

The victories gave the two leaders two wins and one loss in the conference race, dropping Oregon to second, the defending champions, Oregon State to third and Idaho to fourth.

At Eugene, the Washington speed merchants dropped behind after the first 10 minutes, were down 25-31 at the half and had to come from behind in the last nine minutes to chalk up their victory.

Center Chuck Gilmur, Husky center who led his mates in the scoring columns with 20 points, finally flipped in the basket that put Washington in the lead for keeps, a 42-41 margin, when the visitors built up to 50-44 with 33 minutes to go.

Center Rolph Fuhrman led the Oregon attack with 14 points. The teams meet again tonight. At Moscow, Washington State

led most of the way, holding a 28-22 edge at the intermission, but they looked ragged in the first as the advantage see-sawed back and forth.

In the second half, though, the Cougars got underway and continued to increase their lead despite Idaho spurts. Forward Gail Bishop led the WSC drive with 66 points while Guard Jack Ryan was high with 15 for Idaho.

In the Washington Intercollegiate league, Central Washington broke into the conference win column with a 55-39 victory over Pacific Lutheran college at Tacoma. PCL's biggest rally was in the second half, when they cut the CWC lead to 8 points. Central led 33-20 at the intermission.

At Cheney, the Eastern Washington college Savages chalked up another win, although not a conference one, by trimming the tough Pasco Naval Base team, 33-26.

The College of Idaho Coyotes defeated Eastern Oregon college 38-33 at LaGrande, after standing off a last half rally by the home team that threatened to wipe out what had appeared to be an unbeatable first half margin of 20-21.

At Walla Walla, sophomores and freshmen of Whitman college outclassed Yakima Junior college to the tune of 53-35.

Summary of the Oregon-Washington game follows:

| Washington | Fg | Ft | Pf | Tp |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|
| Gilbertson, f | 4 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| Ford, f | 4 | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| Gilmur, c | 8 | 4 | 4 | 20 |
| Morris, g | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| Leask, g | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| B. Taylor, f | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Bird, f | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Oregon | Fg | Ft | Pf | Tp |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|
| W. Taylor, f | 3 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| Wren, f | 3 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| Wiley, c | 2 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| Kirsch, g | 2 | 6 | 0 | 10 |
| Newland, g | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Seborg, f | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Fuhrman, c, f | 0 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| Popiek, g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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Half time score: Oregon 31, Washington 25.

Missed free throws: Washington, Gilbertson, B. Taylor, Gilmur 2, Leask 2; Oregon, Wiley 2, Fuhrman.

Officials: Emil Piluso and Bob Leute.

Tennis Men Put Segura In Fourth

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 23 (AP)—Pancho Segura, the Ecuadorian fireball of the tennis court, shrugged off today the action of the United States Lawn Tennis association in shoving him down from third to fourth place in the national rankings.

"Third or fourth place, what does it matter?" he said. "All I want to do is to play tennis." The USLTA recent revision of its ranking committee's placings elevated Lieut. Gardner Mulloy of the navy, Segura's coach last year at the University of Miami, to third place and ranked the South American fourth, the spot originally given to Mulloy. Schroeder was ranked first and Frank Parker second.

"Sure Mulloy beat me four times," Segura said, "He's a better player."

If we could just get rid of that "other fellow" there'd be no more auto accidents.

Chiloquin Hoop Team Announces Year's Schedule

The undefeated Chiloquin high school Panthers, winners of four county hoop battles including the defeat of the Klamath high school Wildcats, have planned their schedule for the remainder of the season.

The schedule:
Jan. 23—Henyley at Chiloquin.
Jan. 29—Wildcats at Klamath Falls.
Jan. 30—Tulelake at Tulelake.
Feb. 6—Tulelake at Chiloquin.
Feb. 12—Merrill at Chiloquin.
Feb. 13—Bonanza at Bonanza.
Feb. 19—County tourney.
Feb. 20—County tourney.
This schedule may be changed when unforeseen conditions arise.

GRANTS PASS WINS

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 23 (AP)—Grants Pass won from Medford here Friday night in an overtime game, 32-29. Score at the end of the fourth quarter was 29-29.

Soldier Cagamar Shoots Basket—For Other Team

STILLWATER, Okla., Jan. 23 (AP)—Don Ferguson, Enid army flying school forward, may wind up in the guardhouse as a result of a spectacular shot in last night's game with the Oklahoma Aggies.

The soldier cager, tumbling over the sideline, made a beautiful retrieve of the ball, and sent it looping back into the court—and in the Aggie basket. The Aggies won the game, 43 to 35.

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