

From MIDFIELD
By WES GUDERIAN

Sugar Ray Spots Jake 16 Pounds

Four short months ago the redoubtable Bob Leonard left this column and the sports desk of the Herald and News in our tender care and keeping until he should return from skiing down icy slopes with guns blazing in service with the army's mountain infantry. At that time we had little thought of leaving, but now we, too, must bid a sad farewell.

In our place steps rollicking Frank Calise, sports enthusiast and former manager of Klamath's fighter, Ural Snapp. Fresh from the University of Oregon school of journalism, he will give you a word-by-word, blow-by-blow description of sports both national and local on this page until the army doth you part.

Frank has gone by many nom-de-plumes in this column. A Merrill product, he was sometimes called the Merrill Flash. Bob Leonard, in referring to him, called him "Fearless Frank." Lastly, the boys at Oregon named him "de Ace."

"De Ace" received his moniker when in his first week at Oregon the Emerald lacked some feature copy. Frank went out to round up some and returned with not just one story—but four. Amazed at such prolificity the copy editor yelled, "de Ace!" The name has stuck, with such variations as "Acer."

To him we bequeath this column and page, and all the good ideas we had for stories—especially that yarn about Capt. Snowy Gustafson in Egypt the Klamath Union high school Krater lifted from my desk.

To all you hunters we hope you continue the agitation for a hunting season this year, 'cause, frankly, we think you've got it coming.

To Phil Blodgett and all the other correspondents we had around here—Many Thanks! And don't forget Fearless Frank. He would like to get letters, too.

GONZAGA WINS

SPOKANE, Feb. 26 (P)—Gonzaga's basketball team boosted its last six-game scoring total to 486, or 81 a game last night in scoring 101 points against Geiger Field, which got 55.

Always read the classified ads.

Robinson Favored Over LaMotta in Ten-Round Bout in Detroit Tonight

DETROIT, Feb. 26 (P)—Straight-punching Ray (Sugar) Robinson spots tough Jacob LaMotta another 16 pounds but he rules a short favorite in a ten-round fight tonight to avenge the only defeat against his record before moving into a bigger scrap as Pvt. Walker Smith of the U. S. army.

Robinson, often called uncrowned king of the welterweights, is training his sights for a third time on LaMotta, fellow New Yorker whose performance has made Detroit a boom boxing town. LaMotta is to come in at 160 pounds.

Last time Sugar Ray was a big favorite. He opened at 8 to 5 today but may enter the ring at no better than even money.

LaMotta, whose claim of never having hit the deck seems well substantiated, has gone 20 rounds without a wobble against this super-puncher who has belted out 95 of his 131 opponents as amateur and pro. Jolting Jacob dropped a decision last October in New York, but three weeks ago he squared accounts here by hammering the slender negro down for a nine-count while gaining a unanimous verdict.

Weekend Fishing Prospects

PORTLAND, Feb. 26 (P)—Fishing prospects for the weekend appeared fair today, the game commission's weekly bulletin said.

By counties: Coos—Conditions fair with streams lower and clearing. Several good catches of steelhead and trout reported. Curry—waters clear but catches light in Winchuk river, Hunter, Euchre and Flores creeks, Elk river, and Flores and Garrison lakes. Lane—Streams low and clear, good catches of steelhead and cutthroat trout reported on Lake Creek and Siuslaw river. Tillamook—Poor fishing past week. Few fair catches reported from Big Nestucca.

Beaverton Beats Forest Grove in District Hoop Go

BEAVERTON, Feb. 26 (P)—Beaverton high school won the sub-district basketball championship in District 3 last night by defeating Forest Grove, 25-21.

The title is tantamount to the championship of old District 9 and Beaverton is advanced into the District 3 playoffs for the right to enter the state tournament at Salem.

SCHOLASTIC CASUALTIES
FORT WORTH—Clifton Patton, sophomore guard of 1942, and Tom Bishop, back, and Mike Wright, center, from the freshman squad, are scholastic casualties at Texas Christian.

It's Something of a Bore



Parade of spectators at Westminster Dog Show at Madison Square Garden is very trying for Brit of Bellows Falls, left, Brittany spaniel, and Grafmar's Kreutz, a Weimaraner. Spaniel, owned by Lucian J. Ufford of Bellows Falls, Vt., is best of breed. The Weimaraner, new in this country, is property of Mr. and Mrs. Eric N. Lindblade of Arlington, Mass.

Barney Ross, Fighting Marine Hero, Returns From Guadalcanal

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 26 (P)—Barney Ross came home from Guadalcanal the way he usually left the ring—on his own two feet—and with the dramatic story of the "toughest round I ever slugged through."

The fighting marine corporal recalled the Ross of old as he stepped down the gangplank of a hospital ship yesterday. There was the famous smile he showed in winning three boxing titles. And the wave of hands as if to his fans at the fights.

He was, to put it mildly, glad to be back in the U. S. A. In fact, he was bowled over. He showed it by kneeling down solemnly and kissing the ground. "This," he said, "I vowed to do if ever I saw American soil again. Sometimes out there we're not so sure we shall."

"Out there" was the steaming, blood-covered battlefield of Guadalcanal where the 32-year-old Chicago marine won high praise of his company commander, Capt. O. K. Le Blanc of Abbeyville, La., and recommendation for the Navy Cross or the Army Distinguished Service Cross.

Ross, acclaimed boxing "man of the year," was first off his ship. Outwardly at least you couldn't tell he had been wounded. He telephoned his wife, Kaye, in Hollywood, and then

an older brother in Chicago who was to let their aged mother know of his homecoming after months at the front.

That night he spent in a shell hole, he said, he thought the "bell would never sound."

"Four of us were carrying the fifth marine out when we were cut off from our outfit by onrushing Japs," he related. "I was the only one unhurt. We dived for a pair of shell holes about 10 feet apart."

The shooting continued until 7 a. m., and during the night the three marines in the second hole were hit again. Ross said he crawled around collecting ammunition and grenades since they were unable to fire.

"In all I threw 21 hand grenades, fired 100 rounds of ammunition and at least 80 rounds from my Springfield," he went on. "Against us the Japs were pouring in machine gun and mortar fire. But we kept them at bay, in their corner, and they didn't get a telling punch in on our little group."

"Sometime during the night

Golden Glove Title Fights Held Tonight

SEATTLE, Feb. 26 (P)—Titles in the annual Pacific Northwest Golden Gloves boxing tournament will be decided in bouts tonight.

Canadian entries dominated last night's mitt slinging. The battlers from north of the border won 11 first round bouts while losing four, and one of the losses was by a Canadian army scrapper to a middleweight from the RCAF.

The long evening of boxing ended with three second-round fights in the welterweight division. Canadian service entries won two of them. In the third, Ben Lindsay, brother of little Ken Lindsay, one of the most famed of Golden Gloves champions, lost to Dallas Sartz of Everett by decision.

BASKETBALL Results

EAST	
Villanova 41, Marquette 34.	
Penn State 46, Temple 33.	
SOUTH	
Georgia 24, Mississippi 27.	
Kentucky 48, Tulane 31.	
LSU 67, Auburn 55.	
SOUTHWEST	
Baylor 40, Southern Methodist 34.	
WEST	
Wyoming 53, Brigham Young 41.	
Gonzaga 101, Geiger Field 55.	
HIGH SCHOOL	
Beaverton 25, Forest Grove 21.	
University (Exeter) 35, Junction City 27.	
Helix 35, Heppner 21; Umatilla 37, Echo 31; Odell 46, Kent 23; Arlington 31, Athena 21.	

Oregon Sport Notes

By FRED HAMPSON
Associated Press Staff Writer

The brave words of coaches and managers that sports will go on despite the war are developing a hollow sound. There is getting to be too much evidence to the contrary.

The blackout won't be 100 per cent—it never is—but from recent developments it'll be pretty close.

Idaho university tossed out spring football this week, part of a general war-time deemphasizing of intercollegiate sports. Spring sports may be boiled down to campus affairs. What can happen at Idaho can happen at any other campus.

Coast conference spokesmen repeat that they intend to open for business as usual next football season but one wonders, after noting national trends, whether the boys know what they're talking about. Here it is late February and one school already has cancelled spring practice. This cancelling may have only started.

Baseball will open in the majors and 14 of the minors (test count) but so many players are in the armed services that the designation "majors," Class-AA etc., will be synthetic. As long as we're taking the

pessimistic view we might as well recall that they opened the 1918 season too.

Fred Zimmerman, sports editor of the Salem Capital Journal, ranks Milwaukee high's center, Bill Seamster, as one of the state's best prep basketballers this year.

"In Seamster the Maroons have the best center this writer has glimpsed in high school competition during the current season," writes Fred. "He's a well built chap, not of the bulging muscle type, but well proportioned and with the height that a center should have. Against Salem, Seamster was quick to take advantage of the sieve-like defense into which the Vikings lapsed at times and once near the basket this shooting was deadly."

"There have been few outstanding centers in prep circles in recent years—those boys who can battle it out under the back boards and come through with their share of the points necessary to win."

Ted Johnson of the Astoria Fishermen is a pretty fair performer, a hard worker, whose energy results in fouls being called against him."

Ball Clubs Short Only Few Players

Spring Training Rosters Show American League 19 Short of Last Year

CHICAGO, Feb. 26 (P)—Current spring training rosters show that the least of the American league's worries this year is player shortage.

Next month, 247 men—only 19 less than last season—will report to spring training camps in the restricted war-time zones, league records disclosed today. The St. Louis Browns' squad now numbers 36, whereas 35 were listed in 1942. The Detroit Tigers have boosted their roster to 39, largest in the league at present and six more than they carried last year.

The New York Yankees, whose departure of stars has left serious infield and outfield problems, have only 27 players on their spring roster, one of their smallest groups in history. The Boston Red Sox also plan to take 27 to camp, while the Philadelphia Athletics list only 26, the smallest squad in the league.

Although several teams, especially the Red Sox and Yankees, will be pressed to develop players to replace mainstays, the conclusion is that plenty of men will be available. Observers conclude that a balance of talent heretofore lacking should produce a good pennant race. Closeness of competition is expected to take up the slack in attendance, which may result from loss of the fans' favorite players.

The Browns appear to be best stocked in manpower, with no keymen missing from the team which vaulted into third last year. They have 21 married men, 20 with children. Although the Philadelphia roster is small, every player on it is listed as having dependents, giving a fair outlook even to the downtrodden A's.

Beside The Headpin
By "LADYBUG"



A lot of our absentees were "Commandos" and they were busy entertaining our service men last week; so we will excuse them for being absent. They are a fine bunch of girls and doing a fine job as Commandos. Cummings Fur rolled high game series of 2372. Clara Gates helped this score by rolling high game of the evening, 205. Nice rolling Clara. Hazel Beauty Shop rolled second high with a score of 2301.

I can't seem to find any 500 series this week, but Marty McCollum rolled high game series with 466; Mary Tyler and Rose Foubert tied for second place with 461.

There have been some unusual tie scores lately. Last week three girls on the same team had the same series of 412. This week Fluhrer's Bakery and Town Club rolled a tie game series of 2245.

Lorenz Company	
Upp	134 118 118 365
McCollum	166 155 145 466
Fluhrer	99 107 80 386
FORFEITED	
Hazel's Beauty Shop	
Short	127 187 120 434
Hansville	127 187 120 434
Dillon	127 187 120 434
Johnson	127 187 120 434
Handicap	104 104 104 312
TOTAL	504 758 714 2301

Town Club	
Chesne	127 187 120 434
Conlans	127 187 120 434
Owens	102 110 103 315
Priman	115 125 146 386
Boudier	96 120 132 348
Handicap	112 112 112 336
TOTAL	665 747 835 2248

Daggett Insurance	
Newson	112 132 97 341
Weatherford	115 121 160 397
Gardner	112 141 135 408
Absentee	96 96 96 288
Howard	151 147 129 427
Handicap	85 95 95 275
TOTAL	665 732 710 2111

Gumming's Fur Shop	
Absentee	107 107 107 321
Mitcham	113 139 90 342
Bellotti	121 121 121 363
Foulmer	124 145 142 411
Gates	119 205 184 408
Handicap	102 102 102 306
TOTAL	777 852 748 2375

Fluhrer's Bakery	
Absentee	105 105 105 315
Green	114 145 119 378
Johnson	127 115 117 359
Poppy	174 114 105 405
Handicap	89 89 89 267
TOTAL	767 722 726 2215

Black and White	
Griggs	112 130 114 356
Tyler	145 155 161 461
Sweasy	102 107 100 309
Absentee	107 107 107 321
Handicap	145 145 145 435
TOTAL	566 709 702 2275

Whacking WAAC



Norma Lee Spector of WAAC takes a healthy smack at ball on Daytona Beach.

Sports Briefs
By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (P)—Remembering an occasion during World War I, when Case and Western Reserve combined their football forces to play an army team, Gordon Cobbledick of the Cleveland Plain Dealer comes up with the idea of pooling the material available at the "Big Four" colleges—Case, Reserve, John Carroll and Baldwin-Wallace—to turn out one good football team next fall . . . carrying the suggestion further, how about a big game between Fordham-Columbia-Manhattan and Penn-Temple-Villanova? . . . Or an intercollegiate tussle of Harvard-Boston college vs. Stanford-St. Marys? . . .

PUZZLE
Now that the freshman rule has become a wartime casualty, the athletic educators are running into further complications. . . It isn't enough to have one freshman class arriving in February and another in July instead of the customary September welcoming, but in Rhode Island they're trying to decide the status of boys who have entered college in mid-winter but are still required to complete their high school courses with June graduating classes. . . A couple of them belong to teams eligible for state high school tournaments and—well, they're still high school students.

ALLAGAROO FOR ALICAKOS
New York board-track splinters who have been getting letters from Louisville reporting the feats of Pete Alicakos may get a chance to see him in action in the AAU championships Saturday. . . The letters claim that Pete has brought his outdoor mile time down from 4:23 to 4:13.7, has done 4:11.1 indoors, can run a half mile in 1:53 and high jump 6-feet-6. . . But all hands were surprised when he entered the mile against Gil Dodds, Frank Dixon, etc., for none of his performances show in the record books and Dan Ferris' inquiries of the Kentucky AAU brought the reply that they had no information.

TODAY'S GUEST STAR
Arch Ward, Chicago Tribune: "Outfielder Johnny Cooney, the new Dodger, and Commissioner K. M. Landis entered baseball the same year—1921. . . The commissioner, however, is a few years Johnny's elder."

SERVICE DEPT.
The Fort Sheridan, Ill., basketball team, which recently knocked off the mighty Camp Grant outfit, has had a total of 37 players this season—and only two practice sessions. . . Lieut. Mike Brumblow, former TCU line coach, has taken charge of the nine-spot program at the Georgia Navy Pre-Flight school, replacing Lieut. Comdr. Russell (Dutchy) Smith, transferred to the air technical training center at Chicago.

TODD GOES TO CUBS
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 26 (P)—Al Todd, veteran catcher, has been sold by the Los Angeles baseball club to the Chicago Cubs.

Returning to the National league this spring, Todd becomes a 10-year man in major league service. He formerly played with the Phillies, Pirates, Dodgers and Cubs, and joined Los Angeles last year.

WRESTLER RICKEY WINS
IOWA CITY—Cadet Frank Rickey, nephew of Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has won three times in four tries in the 151-pound wrestling class at the Iowa Navy Pre-Flight school. He is moving on to primary flight training.

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