

Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

NEW YORK, April 6 (AP)—Week's worst gag: The Birmingham Barons are trying out a pitcher named John Orphal and Henry (Aged-Herald) Vance relates that a fan saw him warming up the other day and asked the boy's name. . . "He's Orphal," replied Manager Johnny Riddle. . . "That's what you think," said the fan, "but he looked mighty good to me." . . Five days after Ben Jones left the main division of the Calumet farm racing string at Hot Springs, a Louisville sports scribe asked him when the horses would reach Churchill Downs. . . "Pretty soon, I hope," said Ben. "You know I'm kinda anxious to see Whirly; this is the longest we've been away from each other in three years."

ONE-MINUTE SPORTS PAGE
The tip is out to watch Ohio State in football next fall. Our informant points out that Paul Brown has all the schoolboy talent in the state wrapped up for fall delivery, and even though he has to use 17-year-olds kids, they'll be playing against other 17-year-olds. . . Recommended reading: Frank Graham's "The New York Yankees" . . . The club's history from the time Joseph W. Gordon was president to the time Joseph L. Gordon was (and is) second baseman. And W. L. White's story in Reader's Digest about Lieut. Col. Frank Kurtz, former Olympic diving champion.

TODAY'S GUEST STAR
Lewis Burton, New York Journal-American: "Ex-Ranger Neil Colville, now starring with the Ottawa Commandos, is the most popular player in that city since the old N. H. L. days and recently showed his appreciation with a 184-foot goal. . . To hockey fans that's the four-minute mile, a 600-foot homer and Lana Turner's sweater all rolled into one."

CLEANING THE CUFF
Stretch Murphy, former Purdue center recently named by coaches for the nation's all-time basketball team, gave up basketball when he became director of the Bristol, Conn., Boys' club six years ago, but he still ranks as a top-flight volleyball player. . . Owner Al Sutphin of the Cleveland Barons finally has admitted that his club may seek a place in the National Hockey league. . . Because Heavyweight Jimmy Carollo is due to enter the army April 13, Manager Harold Mandel has asked to have his induction moved up to the same date. . . When Luke Sewell made his first visit to the Browns' training field at Cape Girardeau, Mo., just at daybreak one morning a man pulling a drag to smooth out the base paths, came over and introduced himself as the town's mayor. . . Any day now you may expect to read that Ed Krause has been named basketball coach at Notre Dame succeeding the late George E. Keegan.

FIGHTS
By The Associated Press
PHILADELPHIA—Bob Montgomery, 157, Philadelphia, knocked out Romeo Alvarez, N.Y. (4).
NEW YORK—George Kuban, 160, Akron, Ohio, stopped Johnny Morris, 161½, York, Pa. (3).
SAN FRANCISCO—Luther (Sluggo) White, 135½, Baltimore, stopped Vern Bybee 135, U. S. coast guard, (5).

One of the manufacturers of aircraft instruments and accessories has increased its war production to approximately 20 times that of pre-war levels. One-third of this increase was in new types of accessories.

Connie Mack Has Second Rate Hopes

Philadelphia Athletics Safe Bet to Get as Far As Usual in Pennant Race
By SID FEDER
WILMINGTON, Del., April 6 (AP)—It is Roberto Estalella's loudest moan that in eight years in baseball, he always has been with clubs deep in the second division. And Connie Mack has promised him that this record will be maintained, now that he has moved in with the Philadelphia Athletics.
The venerable Mr. McGillicuddy pointed this out to round Roberto a day or so ago, when he accidentally heard Estalella give voice to his beef. "Don't worry, sonny," said Mr. Mack "we'll probably make you feel right at home."
In addition to introducing Roberto, one of the Cubans who managed to escape from the Washington Senators and now is the A's regular left fielder, Mack also seemed to indicate just where the Athletics fit into the American league landscape. It's as safe as money in the bank to bet that Mr. McGillicuddy's athletes will get just about as far as usual.

Grid League Convention Eyes Draft

Pro-League May Postpone Picking College Players Until Sure of Operation
By DAVE HOFF
CHICAGO, April 6 (AP)—Item No. 1 on the National Football league convention's business program today was the once-postponed draft of college players, but it was expected to meet the same fate this time and be dropped to Thursday's closing session.
As owners and coaches opened their three-day parley with Commissioner Elmer Layden the theme was one of confidence regarding the 1943 season. However, the magnates were just skeptical enough that they wanted to delay the draft of last year's college seniors until it was proved to them the league would have sufficient personnel to operate this year.
In all likelihood the pro loop will uncork few, if any, players from the college draft, the selective service program having a priority on stalwart males right now. However most of the clubs planned to put in their bids anyway as an investment for the post-war days.
Layden said there were enough 3-A players available "somewhere in the country" to allow each club its minimum of men for 1943. He said that even under an accelerated selective service schedule not all players would necessarily be taken by fall.

OREGON TUNES UP
EUGENE, Ore., April 6 (AP)—The University of Oregon baseball team will continue tune-up contests today with a home game against the Willamette university nine. The Webfoots, who defeated Portland university 13-0 and 13-3 in games last weekend, will open the northern division race Friday in a game at Oregon State college.

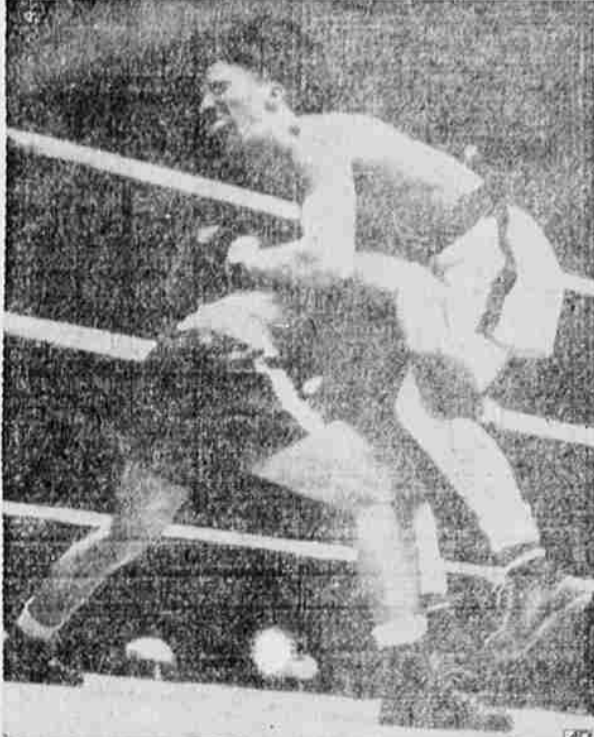
Short Work

STIRNWEISS
ALREADY HAS BEEN SELECTED AS NEW YORK YANKEES' SHORTSTOP OF 1943. HE STOLE 75 BASES FOR NEWARK.

STIRNWEISS IS ONE OF FEW FOOTBALL PLAYERS WHO HAVE GOOD IN BASEBALL... HE PLAYED HALFBACK FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

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Ouch! But He Won the Fight Anyway



Jackie Graves (grimacing), Minneapolis member of the Chicago Golden Gloves boxing team, apparently isn't enjoying this moment in his inter-city fight with Bill Pelou, of the New York squad. But despite the grimacing, Graves won the decision as alternate in the 126-pound division. Chicago won the tournament, 14 matches to two.

Wrestlers to Grunt, Groan For Fun at School Smoker

Wrestlers who will batter and bruise themselves for the sheer fun of bodily contact at the high school smoker to be held in the gym Tuesday, April 13, at 7:30 p. m., were announced by Coach Frank Ramsey today.
In the lightest class of all—125 pounds—Blackie Davis meets Rod Murray. In the 135-pound class, Neil Morris will struggle valiantly with Henry Storm. That is, they will struggle if Henry's injured ankle is in condition.
At 145 pounds, Glenn Miller, who was in the state meet last year, will wrestle with Carl Weaver.
Two of the best boys in the school battle in the 155-pound class, when Dick Hicks pits his strength against Bill Alcorn. According to inside dope, Hicks and Alcorn have the school's top wrestling form.
Al Cline will try his skill against Al Mundlin, another boy from the state meet, in the 165-pound class, while in the heavy-weight group, Doug Clement will hit the mat against Dick Prarie.
All matches will be under the NCCA rules with the point system being used to determine winners. Under the amateur laws, no pressure holds are allowed on any joints, and the winners are decided on a basis of speed, balance, strength and timing.

Rainers in Good Spring Work Camp

SEATTLE, April 6 (AP)—Lewiston is proving just what the doctor might order as a training camp site for the Seattle Rainiers, the Seattle Times sports writer with the team in the Idaho city said yesterday.
He predicted Lewiston "quite likely will be the Rainiers' training camp for the duration and possibly for years to come."
"And wouldn't the laugh be on the Californians," added Sports Writer Alex Shultz, "if some of the California clubs followed the Rainiers into the Idaho 'banana belt.'"
Despite good training conditions however, Manager Bill Skiff still was without a first rate catcher.
Skiff said yesterday he had opened negotiations with San Diego for a receiver, probably Bill Sakeld. The Padres, Skiff said, have two other catchers.

Cal Extends Limit by Two On Pheasants

SACRAMENTO, April 6 (AP)—The California fish and game committee last night approved a bill extending the limit on pheasants by two birds but refused passage to another measure giving farmers the right to kill non-migratory game birds which destroy crops.
The committee, however, gave a "do pass" recommendation to legislation declaring an open season on elk to prevent crop depredations in the Sierra valleys. It already has passed the state senate.

Allison Pleased With Large Spring Football Turnout

BERKELEY, Calif., April 6 (AP) Head Coach Leonard B. (Stub) Allison was pleased today over the turnout of 57 candidates for varsity football spring practice at the University of California.
The response of the boys to the first call yesterday exceeded by five the number who reported for last year's spring practice sessions.

OSC Baseball Men Battle Oregon in First Regular Tilt

CORVALLIS, April 6 (AP)—The Oregon State college baseball team faces its first northern division game Friday against the University of Oregon without Don Durdan, outfielder and leading hitter.
Durdan was hospitalized with what Dr. Waldo Ball, team physician, said was pneumonia, contracted after a fishing trip.

WHITE VICTOR

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6 (AP) Luther (Sluggo) White of Baltimore, advertised as one of the best lightweights in the business, can claim Vern Bybee as his latest victim. He scored a fifth round technical knockout over the tough U. S. coast guardsman in their scheduled 10-rounder here last night.

Betty Bemis Views Merki Swim Title

Hunter's College WAVE Threatens Tank Marks of Multnomah Club Mermaids
By CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN
CHICAGO, April 6 (AP)—The Multnomah club of Portland, Ore., was considered a good bet to win the team championship of the National AAU senior women's swimming and diving meet until a WAVE came along today.
The WAVE is little, 20-year-old Betty Bemis, who filed her entry from Hunter college, N. Y. She again will compete for the Riviera club of Indianapolis, which she paced to the 1942 outdoor national team title last summer.
Her entry rounds out a list of five defending champions who will compete against a field of some 75 other ranking swimmers representing 13 organizations from Oregon to New York.
Miss Bemis' main threat in the 220 may be Portland's Nancy Merki, who holds four American records and is the defending 440-yard freestyle titlist.
Patty Aspinall, also of Indianapolis, is expected to repeat in the 220-yard breast stroke, and Ann Boss of the New York Drag-club is favored to keep her one-meter indoor diving crown and also take the three-meter honors.
Marilyn Sahner of the Women's Swimming association of New York, faces one of the hardest jobs in defending her 100-yard freestyle crown. She faces such stars as Portland's Sue Zimmerman, 100-meter champion, her teammate, Brenda Helser, American 220-yard record-holder, as well as WAVE Bemis.

Montgomery Readies for Beau Battle

PHILADELPHIA, April 6 (AP) Bob Montgomery is ready for his lightweight title bout in New York next month with Beau Jack.
The Philadelphia negro, long regarded as a leading lightweight contender, demonstrated his fitness with an impressive four round knockout over Roman Alvarez, of New York, last night at the arena.
A jarring left hook thrown at close quarters set up the knockout. Alvarez apparently was stunned. For a second he lowered his guard. That was all Montgomery needed. The bobcat whipped over a vicious right that caught Alvarez flush on the jaw.
Alvarez fell flat on his back. Not a muscle stirred as Referee Matt Adgie tolled off the fatal count. It was several minutes before the 21-year-old Denver native was revived.

DiBiasi Shoulders Pitching Duties For Oakland Acorns

NAPA, Calif., April 6 (AP)—The Oakland Acorns today put their chips on Vince Di Biasi and Henry Phippen for the pitching duties in their training camp baseball game with the Mare Island Marines.
Di Biasi came to the Acorns from the New York Yankees. Phippen was a regular on the Oaks' mound staff last year.

Bay Meadows Opens 25-Day Extra Race

SAN MATEO, Calif., April 6 (AP)—Bay Meadows track starts off today on a 25-day extension of its race meeting with the blessing of the California racing commissioner if not that of Rubber Administrator William Jeffers.
The commission yesterday unanimously approved 20 more racing days, plus five charity days, for the minor plant which has been projected into the national limelight on the rubber tire question.
Approval was given on the general premise that if racing is to be conducted in other sections of the country, then in the interest of fairness it should be permitted here.

Seattle Publisher Joins Army With Captain's Rank

SEATTLE, April 6 (AP)—The Post-Intelligencer announced last night that its publisher, John Boettiger, had joined the United States army with the rank of captain and had been given a leave of absence from The Post-Intelligencer.
Boettiger has received orders to report on April 13 to the army school for military government at Charlottesville, Va., and will leave Seattle the end of this week. He said he hoped to be ordered into foreign service.
During July 1940, 13 people were killed every hour by accidents in the United States.

Football Coach at Work



George Munger, Pennsylvania football coach, dons dungarees for war work from 7 a. m. until noon in Philadelphia iron works.

White Sox 'Board of Strategy'



Jimmy Dykes (right), manager of the Chicago White Sox, confers with other members of his "board of strategy" between sessions on the diamond at spring training quarters at French Lick, Ind. Seated (center) is Mrs. Grace Comiskey, president of the club, and at left is Grace Louise Comiskey, her daughter. Also in on the discussions are Coaches Muddy Ruel (left, rear) and Mule Haas.

Boss Beaver



Merv Shea, above, new catcher-manager of the Portland Beavers, warms up his vocal cords as his squad turned out for spring training at San Jose, Calif.

Idaho Track Coach Claims Scoring Error

MOSCOW, Ida., April 6 (AP)—Coach Mike Ryan of the University of Idaho track team claimed yesterday that the score of the practice meet against Washington State college Saturday should have been 52-52, instead of 52-43.
Ryan based his claim on the results of the 35-pound weight throwing event which Idaho swept and which Ryan asserts should have been counted. Coach Babe Hollingbery contends the event was an exhibition and not part of the meet itself. At the time Ryan pulled his squad out of competition in protest before the running of the relay, which WSC claimed by forfeit.

NOBODY BROUGHT ANY

SALT LAKE CITY, (AP)—Bananas—lots of bananas—are what Pvt. Otto Brocke of the Salt Lake City army air base misses most.
He's a former Guatemala long distance swimmer, and when he left home bananas were selling five for a cent.

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Training Camp Briefs

By The Associated Press
WALLINGFORD, Conn., April 6—Lefty Gomez, for many years the clown prince of the New York Yankees but now with the Boston Braves, is happy.
Gomez filled the bases in the camp game yesterday but Manager Casey Stengel kept him on the mound and the southpaw flinger worked his way out of the situation without permitting a score.
"For years," chirped Gomez, "that happened to me with the Yankees but they never allowed me to discover if I could get out of it. They always sent for Murphy."
John Murphy of the Yankees, was Gomez' personal relief hurler the past two seasons.

BROOKLYN—The blood bank account of the Brooklyn Dodgers was 23 pints richer today and Manager Leo Durocher excused his athletes from training. The Dodgers marched to the Red Cross station in a body for the donations.
Today the players will make a tour of Long Island war plants as an aid to the bond buying campaign.
ASBURY PARK, N. J.—Just when he thought his outfield worries were all over, Manager Joe McCarthy of the New York Yankees got word today from Bud Metheny that the Newark rookie had been ordered to take his induction screening test. Metheny, 26, is married but childless. He probably will take the test here tomorrow.

FRENCH LICK, Ind.—Catcher Clyde McCullough packed his bag and left for his Nashville, Tenn., home today after officials of the Chicago Cubs turned a deaf ear to his salary demands. Phil Cavarretta is working out in the outfield while rookie Heinz Becker gets a trial at first.

LAKEWOOD, N. J.—Pitcher Harry Feldman, Third Baseman Sid Gordon and Catcher Ray

INDIANAPOLIS—Mel Harder, Al Smith and Chubby Dean were named by Manager Lou Boudreau as the pitchers for the Cleveland Indians today in their struggle with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

WILMINGTON, Del.—William Griebbe, American league umpire, is the newest "coach" of the Philadelphia Athletics. At the request of Coach Earl Brucker he spent the day showing the hurlers what is and what is not a balk.

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