

Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

NEW YORK, April 19 (AP)—New Jersey Senator Warren Barbour hasn't asked our opinion about his suggestion to revive the Joe Louis-Billy Conn fight, but here 'tis...

Fan's Lament
Sonny's on the pitcher's mound; Grandpaw guards first base; Uncle Joe is fat and slow; But still he has his place.

MONDAY MATINEE
When Lieut. Col. L. S. MacPhail turned up at the Pimlico races Saturday, the only thing he'd say about baseball was, "I like the Dodgers."

TODAY'S GUEST STAR
Tommy Fitzgerald, Louisville Courier-Journal: Even though the Kentucky Derby this year is being called the 'street car derby,' women patrons shouldn't expect the jockeys to get up and give them their seats.

SERVICE DEPT.
Here's one reason for the popularity of the Camp Croft, S. C., golf driving range: A soldier could get a lot of free lessons just by watching three of the regular patrons...

DEFLATED
If Dick Wakefield, the Tigers rookie, had any tendency to get puffed up about his hitting, a fan must have let it out of him the other day...

Ancestry of Ball Discussed After Slow Batting Tilt

RICHMOND, Ind., April 19 (AP)—After watching the Cleveland Indians and Cincinnati Reds get only one extra base hit in 21 innings, General Manager Warren C. Giles of the Reds declared that maybe the manufacturers "used ground up Bologna instead of balata and cork" as the core for the 1943 ball.

COUGAR TENNIS WIN

MOSCOW, Idaho, April 19 (AP)—The Washington State college tennis team won a 4-3 victory over the University of Idaho team here Saturday, taking three of five singles matches and splitting the doubles.

Nationals Top Americans In Exhibition Battles

NEW YORK, April 19 (AP)—Playing with a zest generated by their world series triumph of last fall, the National league clubs have defeated their American league rivals in 27 of the 44 inter-league contests this spring.

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Malin Tracksters Win B League Field Events

Ken Duncan Leads Team To Gain 53 1/2 Points in Saturday's Modoc Meet

Malin high school, led by versatile Ken Duncan, won the county B track meet on Modoc field last Saturday morning by garnering 53 1/2 points.

Results:
100-Yard Dash—Won by Charles Cheyne, Henley; second, Joe Victorine, Malin; third, Mitchell Wilson, Henley; fourth, Jim Ottoman, Malin, Time, 10.9.

120-Yard High Hurdles—Won by Ken Duncan, Malin; second, Jacob, Malin; third, Hankins and Chestnut, both of Henley, tied for third place. Time, 18.4.

880-Yard Run—Won by Dick Smith, Bonanza; second, Norman Smith, Henley; third, Bob Schmore, Bonanza; fourth, Dewey Pollard, Henley, Time, 2:16.

220-Yard Dash—Taken by Charles Cheyne, Henley; second, Charles Duncan, Malin; third, Charles Switzer, Henley; fourth, Joe Victorine, Malin, Time, 23.6. New county record.

200-Yard Low Hurdles—Won by Ken Duncan, Malin; second, Mitchell Wilson, Henley; third, Jim Sullivan, Henley; fourth, Danny Givan, Bonanza, Time, 25.4. Also a new county record.

1-Mile Run—Won by Dick Smith, Bonanza; second, H. Rieck, Merrill; third, Norman Smith, Henley; fourth, Frank Gabriel, Henley, Time, 5:02.6. Smith came within a fraction of bettering the mile record. The record is 5:00.4.

440-Yard Run—Won by George Drazil, Malin; second, Dale Cheyne, Henley; third, Charles Switzer, Henley; fourth, Bob Schmore, Bonanza, Time, 54.2.

Shotput—Won by Chotard, Malin; second, Lorenz, Bonanza; third, Dale Cheyne, Henley; fourth, Grimes, Kenos. Distance, 39 feet, 11 inches.

High Jump—Won by Prough, Bonanza; four men tied for second, Grimes, Kenos; Tabor, Merrill; Charles Duncan, Malin; and Lorenz of Bonanza. Height, 5 feet, 3 1/2 inches.

Broad Jump—Won by Mitchell Wilson, Henley; second, Charles Parker, Kenos; third, Earl Hitson, Bonanza; fourth, Harold Chestnut, Henley, Distance, 20 feet, 4 inches.

Pole Vault—Won by Ken Duncan and Murrell Wordley who tied for first. Both boys were from Malin; three men tied for second, Sam McKeen, Kenos; Warren Pritchard, Kenos; Carl Prough, Bonanza. Height, 10 feet, 2 inches.

Discus—Won by Earl Hitson, Bonanza; second, John Loosely, Malin; third, Keller, Henley; fourth, Zaroninski, Kenos. Distance, 103 feet.

Football Throw—Won by Chotard, Malin; second, Lorenz, Bonanza; third, J. Keller, Henley; fourth, D. Cheyne, Henley.

Relay—The relay team of Malin won this event, and consisted of Joe Victorine, George Drazil, Jim Ottoman and Ken Duncan.

Four Titles at Stake in Semi-Pro Baseball Tourney

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 19 (AP)—There will be four titles at stake instead of one when the nation's semi-pro baseball teams compete in state tournaments this summer.

Commissioner George Sisler ruled today that in addition to the state championship, titles will be awarded to the industrial service and town sponsored teams which lead their respective classifications in each state tournament.

Nationals Top Americans In Exhibition Battles

NEW YORK, April 19 (AP)—Dodgers are also the pace setters in the red flannel league with 11 triumphs in 12 starts. Their only loss was to the Boston Red Sox, 5 to 0.

The Boston sockers, incidentally, piled up the best record of the American with only two setbacks in 11 contests and have a chance of adding to that total in a Patriot's day twin bill with the Boston Braves today. The games also will settle the city series.

Other struggles today are Pittsburgh's meeting with Detroit, in the seventh and rubber game of their series; and the meeting of the White Sox and Cubs in the last of the windy city's pre-season series. The Cubs hold a two to one game edge now.

The New Yanks Are Coming



Joe Gordon, left, is only holdover as New York Yankees' infield takes field at Yankee Stadium. Others, left to right, are first baseman Nick Etten, shortstop George Stinnett and third baseman Bill Johnson, the latter pair up from the Newark farm.

Second War Baseball Drive Sees Major Managers Waver

By HAROLD CLAASSEN
NEW YORK, April 19 (AP)—If all the indecision expressed by the major league managers on the eve of the second baseball campaign of the present war era were placed end to end it would be as evasive as an axis communique.

The curtailed training offered by the northern camps, playing out the schedule that opens tomorrow with a new type of ball and the war's manpower demands—both of the immediate past and for the coming five months—have combined to make the managers even more reticent than usual.

Only Lou Boudreau, 25-year-old manager-shortstop of the Cleveland Indians, gave an entirely optimistic answer as The Associated Press made its annual pre-season poll of the 16 masters of diamond strategy.

"I am very much convinced that the Indians are the team to beat in the American league pennant race," said the youthful chief who is starting his second year as boss of the Clevelanders. "My club will be in there all season and definitely is the one that will have to be best."

His prediction contrasted with that of the country's baseball writers who, in an earlier poll, picked the New York Yankees to win the pennant and meet St. Louis of the National league in the 1943 world series.

Billy Southworth, who guided the St. Louis Cardinals to their

world title last fall, said he was well satisfied with the replacements for Terry Moore, Eno Slaughter and Johnny Beazley—all stars of the 1942 team but now wearing Uncle Sam's uniforms.

"But I am not making any predictions for the coming year," he added, "although we will be speedy on the base paths, have a well-rounded pitching staff and the best catching in the league. We will, as in the past, use our speed to the best advantage."

Jimmy Dykes, cigar-smoking leader of the Chicago White Sox, expressed the thoughts of virtually all the managers when he said "this ought to be a very interesting season because the picture can change any time."

"You might go to bed one night with your club in first place and wake up in the morning with it in the army. I don't

see how any team can make a runaway of the pennant races." Joe McCarthy, whose rebuilt New York Yankees didn't defeat a single major league for this spring but still are favored for their seventh flag in eight years, replied that it is "too risky to make predictions. I can't tell how the Yanks will fare. Nobody can."

"I'm not making a prediction," chimed in Leo Durocher of the Brooklyn Dodgers, "but I will say that I am satisfied with my team and that it is ready."

North Division Baseball Race Schedule Games

SEATTLE, April 19 (AP)—The northern division baseball race will operate on the Oregon and Washington fronts this week, with the University of Washington entertaining Idaho here today and Tuesday while Washington State opens an Oregon invasion the same days against Oregon State at Corvallis.

The Cougars will play the University of Oregon the next two days at Eugene and the Huskies will go to Oregon for four games with the two Oregon schools over the weekend.

The Huskies now are leading the division, followed by the two Oregon schools. Washington State dropped its opening pair to Washington while Idaho was losing four on its Oregon trip.

Johnny Vander Meer Reclassified 1A By Draft Board

RIDGEWOOD, N. J., April 19 (AP)—Pitcher Johnny Vander Meer of the Cincinnati Reds has been classified 1-A by his home draft board.

Vander Meer, famed for pitching two no-hit games in 1938, is a former resident of adjacent Midland Park.

An official of the board who declined use of his name said Vander Meer had passed a preliminary physical examination for military service.

Vander Meer is married and has a child born late last year.

Portland Beavers To Keep Players Acquired From East

PORTLAND, April 19 (AP)—The Portland Beavers of the Pacific Coast Baseball league will keep the players acquired from Milwaukee after all.

Ted Norbert, traded by the Beavers to the American Association club in exchange for three players, left here Saturday to join Milwaukee. Earlier Norbert, the leading Coast league hitter last season, had said he would quit baseball rather than leave the coast.

Opposite Squads Open Year For Idaho Trackmen

PULLMAN, April 19 (AP)—Washington State and the University of Idaho will open their track season at Moscow next week, with the squads as unalike as the poles.

Coach Babe Hollingbery will take a double handful of veterans to the meeting, including five—Pat Haley, Curt Bowers, Bill Zimmerman, Scott Witt and Max Dodge—who scored 27 points against Idaho themselves last year.

On the other hand, Coach Mike Ryan at Idaho is striving to build a squad of rookies around a middle distance and a distance runner, all that were when the draft finished last month of what had looked like one of Idaho's strongest track teams in years.

Coast League Baseball Draws 40,000 in Debut

Draft-Riddled Pacific Teams Play Better Ball Than Customers Expected

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19 (AP)—Despite the pressure of war the Pacific Coast league drew 40,000 customers to four games yesterday in the nation's 1943 debut of professional baseball.

It was a rousing start for the 40-year-old AA circuit. The opening day games attracted only 25,000 fans last year, although then the contests were played on a week day, instead of on Sunday.

More to the good, from the spectators' viewpoint, was the fact that the draft-riddled teams played much better baseball than had been expected. Some observers predicted that the fans would find romped old men and under-aged kids running around the ball parks and falling all over each other. Actually it wasn't like that at all.

Except for Sacramento, the 1942 champions, who had only one holdover back in the lineup, the clubs fielded a pretty fair assortment of experienced and competent hands. San Diego turned up with a winning pitcher in Rookie Charlie Schanz, bespectacled castoff of the San Francisco Seals.

With a turnout of almost 16,000, San Francisco had the biggest crowd of opening day. A flag-raising and a parade by the players to band music gave the opening a gala holiday aspect.

Portland's Beavers, running true to predictions, beat Sacramento, 5-2, with Ad Liska, underhanded hurler, doing the pitching. His opponent was right-hander John Pintar, the Senators' only returning regular. Six thousand fans turned out for this game. Portland looked like a first-division club.

The Los Angeles Angels, general favorites to win the 1943 championship, barely beat Oakland, 9-8. Spectators totaled 12,000.

At San Diego, the Padres licked Seattle 2-1, in 11 innings. Rookie Charlie Schanz kept the Seattle hits scattered. The game drew 6000.

Standings:

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Portland 1 0 1.000, San Francisco 1 0 1.000, Los Angeles 1 0 1.000, San Diego 1 0 1.000, Sacramento 0 1 0.000, Hollywood 0 1 0.000, Oakland 0 1 0.000, Seattle 0 1 0.000

SEATTLE, April 19 (AP)—The University of Washington baseball team went to the top of the division last week with a double victory over Washington State, taking the second game Saturday 7 to 3.

Bob Sealzo, WSC sophomore from Seattle, was the "goat" of the game, when the Huskies used his two errors and a couple of hits to put together a third inning four-run rally that sewed up the game. Jack Crockett, Washington pitcher, allowed 11 hits to the Cougars, but kept them well scattered.

Maybe sharp people get that way keeping their noses to the grindstone.

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Baseball Scores

Table with columns: Team, Score, Location. Includes games like Chicago (A) vs. Chicago (N) 5, Detroit (A) 2, Pittsburgh (N) 0, St. Louis (A) 3, St. Louis (N) 4.

BOWLING

CLASSIC LEAGUE
Bowling Wednesday evening saw some good individual scores turned in with Al Backes taking high single game with 230.

Table with columns: Player, Score. Includes Backes 230, Drazil 214, Kenos 214, Hitson 214.

Team honors were taken by Weyerhaeuser Timber company team with a single game of 994 and three game series of 2901.

Table with columns: Team, Score. Includes Backes 230, Drazil 214, Kenos 214, Hitson 214.

Table with columns: Team, Score. Includes Robinson 492, Kierulff 381, Lemons 381, Solter 381, Schmeil 381, Handicap 144.

Table with columns: Team, Score. Includes Tuttle 842, Swick 814, Bobkins 129, Victory 421, Davenport 626, Handicap 297.

Table with columns: Team, Score. Includes Rook 899, Potter 541, Gieger 321, Hickman 459, Strong 583, Handicap 177.

Table with columns: Team, Score. Includes Martie 859, Bellotti 541, Lower 358, Low 345, Driessell 81, Handicap 81.

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Oregon Baseball Team Completes Week of Losses

EUGENE, Ore., April 19 (AP)—The University of Oregon baseball team Saturday completed a week of straight losses for the University of Idaho Vandals, taking the final game of Idaho's Oregon trip, 6-2.

Previously Idaho had lost once to Oregon and twice to Oregon State.

Oregon sewed up the game in the third inning with a five-run rally combining an Idaho error with four singles.

Walla Walla High Dominates Speed Carnival Trackmen

MILTON-FREEWATER, Ore., April 19 (AP)—Walla Walla high school entries dominated the annual invitational carnival of speed here yesterday in a meet which saw one record broken and but one performer win two first places.

Cornell of Walla Walla set a new discus record of 134 feet 8 1/2 inches, replacing a mark of 132 feet 1 inch by Heidenrich of McLaughlin high here.

Eastern Washington May Enter Track Teams at WSC Meets

CHENEY, April 19 (AP)—The Eastern Washington college track team this season may enter meets at Washington State college and the University of Idaho, Coach Bob Brumbly said yesterday.

In prospect, he said, is a meet at Pullman May 1 in which various inland empire teams will compete, and another May 15 at Idaho, with Eastern, Whitman, Central Washington college and Idaho participating.

STILL GOOD ENOUGH STILLWATER, Okla.—Coach Hank Iba of the Oklahoma Aggies says the Wyoming Cowboys who won the national basketball championship were a better team earlier in the season.

Coachless Shot Putter Better National Mark

FORT WORTH, Tex., April 19 (AP)—Dewey Coulter, 18-year-old Masonic home athlete who battered national scholastic shotput record at the Texas relays, taught himself the art.

The Masonic home has no track coach, so Coulter trained himself—and well. The 213-pound youth's toss of 59 feet 11 inches established a new record in scholastic circles for the 12 pound ball.

In a few practice tosses with the 16-pound shot he reached the 50-foot mark, just 7 feet 1 inch under the world record held by Jack Torrance, former Louisiana State star.

American League Umpire Reports For Induction

CHICAGO, April 19 (AP)—Art Passarella, American league umpire, will report for voluntary induction into the army today.

Passarella, married but childless, will not report for actual duty for a week and will use that time umpiring the Cub-Sox spring series.

His departure will leave Will Harridge, president of the American league, with a staff of 10 umpires. None, however, is expected to be called into service.

SKI CLUB RAZED

SEATTLE, April 19 (AP)—The four story, Sahalie Ski club lodge, one of the most pretentious at Snoqualmie summit, with sleeping accommodations for 85, was destroyed by fire which broke out at 6 p. m. yesterday, the state patrol reported.

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