

Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

By HUGH FULLERTON JR. NEW YORK, June 30 (AP)—Overseas sports roundup:

FLEET POSTOFFICE Francis E. Buckley, who was last heard of when he quarter-backed the All-Navy team in Bermuda's Lily bowl football classic last January, sends word from the Central Pacific that the Seabees out there would like some football uniforms. . . . "The Seabee Athletic association is in its infancy, but in competition with other service teams has made an excellent record," Buckley writes. "Last week the boxing team defeated the army air force; the track team placed third in an 11-team AAU meet, May 29. Plans are under way to place a football team in competition this fall. The only drawback is the lack of uniforms."

NORTH AFRICA Two letters recently received at the St. Louis Browns office from doughboys of an infantry outfit in North Africa—perhaps indicating some association between the temperature there and that of Sportsman's park. . . . "Dear gang: Go get 'em. This is the Brownies' year and how! We're so sure that you'll keep on hustling in there that we are going to hustle it up over here to get back in time to see you play and win the series. To perpetuate this, we have organized the following named club: Browns Boosters club, Dough-foot Division, North African theatre. . . . This bore 110 signatures, and 112 members of another company in the same division wrote: "Go get that pennant! This is to inform you that the undersigned GI's have formed another Browns overseas club, called the Tired Foot Division. Our slogan in this club is: Berlin for us; world's series for the Browns."

Army Camps Offered Trophy

FORT DOUGLAS, Utah, June 30 (AP)—Soldiers and civilians of army installations in the ninth service command—embracing the eight western states—were offered a trophy today for their participation in an intra-mural athletic program. The installation enrolling the largest percentage of its military and civilian personnel in the program of organized athletics—ranging from pingpong to football—will receive the trophy.

Championships will be determined quarterly, a statement from the headquarters of Maj. Gen. David McCoach Jr., commanding general, said. "Only competitive events of a minimum duration of one hour, which have been officially scheduled and announced in advance, will be considered in determining the championship."

Texas Boys Meet In Net Finals

HAVERFORD, Pa., June 30 (AP) The National Interscholastic Tennis tournament took on an all-Texas aspect today for the first time in its 53-year history as a pair of 16-year-olds who came 2000 miles to the Merion Cricket club by separate routes met in the finals. There was a private rivalry, too, to be settled between five-foot-seven, 132-pound Bernard (Tut) Bartzan of San Angelo, Tex., and blond, curly haired Ed Ray of Sinton in the Lone Star state.

Bartzan, seeded No. 5 in the national tournament, recently defeated second-seeded Ray for the Texas schoolboy title, but each has two tournament victories over the other and today's title clash was their "rubber" match.

Kovak Confident Of Net Victory

NEW YORK, June 30 (AP)—Pvt. Frank Kovak, national indoor tennis champion in 1941, arrived by plane from San Francisco today to participate in Victory drive Red Cross tennis matches starting Sunday at Forest Hills. "I feel in such perfect shape I could play 10 men," he declared. "I don't expect to lose a single match and, if I do, I'll be surprised. I'm being my unusually modest self."

MESS TOOLS FROM SCRAP A substantial part of the army's metal mess equipment, including cups, knives, forks, spoons and trays is being obtained from stainless steel scrap left over from manufacture of other articles, and from "off heat," or rejected, ingots.

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Beavers Close in On Lead Seals

Beavers Take Overtim Tilt From Oaks As San Diego Tops Leaders

By The Associated Press The San Diego Padres and Portland Beavers are within a game and a half of the Pacific Coast league leading San Francisco Seals today as a result of Portland's 6-5 11-inning win over Oakland and San Diego's 5-4 victory over the Seals last night.

Seattle, although outitting Los Angeles 14-7, lost 8-7 when the Angels bunched their blows off Frank Tincup to score seven runs in the last half of the ninth. Sacramento continued its winning ways with a 4-1 defeat of Hollywood, giving Southpaw Clem Dreisewerd his ninth victory in 10 starts.

Portland nudged over five runs in the seventh inning on two hits, a walk and an error to lead 5-4 only to have Oakland tie it up in its half of the inning as Clarence Federmeyer gave way to Pieretti. The Beavers pushed across the winning tally when Spencer Harris tripled and Frank Stone singled him home.

Cecil Leads Pitchers in Coast Race

LOS ANGELES, June 30 (AP) Rex Cecil, San Diego ace right-hander continues to lead the pack in the current Pacific Coast league pitching race with 16 wins against five losses for a .762 average.

Cecil has also sent more coast league batters down swinging than any other moundman this season, so far he has outgassed 136, 27 more than team mate Frankie Dasso. The Padres have possession of the first three positions in the strikeout column, Chet Johnson holding down third spot with 96. Tom Seals, Seal veteran who divides his time between some pretty successful twirling and work in a bay area defense plant, occupies second place in the won-lost records, with 13 and 5 for a .722 mark. Mario Pieretti, Portland, is third with 12 victories and 6 defeats for a percentage of .667.

Segura Favored To Defend Title

EVANSTON, Ill., June 30 (AP) Francisco (Pancho) Segura, Equador's gift to college tennis, was heavily favored to beat Georgia Tech's Frank Willett today and go on to defend his championship tomorrow in the finals of the NCAA tennis tournament at Northwestern university.

The South American, representing the University of Miami (Fla.), advanced to this afternoon's semi-final match by whipping unseeded Stan Clark of California Tech on Wednesday, 6-1, 6-3. Willett, seeded sixth won his semi-final round yesterday, downing Harry Likas of Gonzaga, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5.

Ortiz Gains Decision In Boston

BOSTON, June 30 (AP)—Thanks to a furious closing drive, Manuel Ortiz, the world bantamweight champion from El Centro, Calif., today celebrated a successful eastern boxing debut. He gained a 10-round decision over Larry Bolvin of Providence, R. I., before 3299 last night at Braves field.

Bolvin set the early pace but took terrific punishment during the seventh and eighth rounds and went down for a nine-count in the ninth frame. How Do You Like Bamboo? Millions in the Far East depend on bamboo for food. They make beer from bamboo seed, pickles and candy from sprouts. Some bamboo produces an apple-like fruit which is baked; the sprouts are a staple vegetable, cooked and served like asparagus.

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Hank Makes a Hit



Capt. Hank Greenberg, stationed in China, may be trying to tell these Chinese laborers what a great hitter he was with Detroit. At any rate, they all look happy, even though neither understands the other's language.

Rough Tilt Featured For Tonight

Wagner Sure He Can Best Belcastro In Main Event; Achui, Davidson Meet

It's Gorgeous George Wagner who is doing most of the threatening and promising for this week's mat go with the Weed assassin, Pete Belcastro. Not that Pete isn't going to put up a stiff battle, but it is Wagner who has to do the face saving. The man-of-many-bathrobes is going to make sure that nothing is going to happen to him like happened last week.

Wagner is determined to put up a hot battle that will end with the decision on ice and Pete out cold. Belcastro gave the impression last Friday that he would like to get it all over with in a hurry and go home, but this week he has decided to stick around and win things fair and square if possible.

Promoter Mack Lillard has also made up his mind that nothing is going to happen again this week like happened in last Friday's short main event. Lillard has signed another referee to help Wally Moss. Lillard had not made up his mind just who this man would be but he is sure to get a person who can take care of the other wrestlers as well as himself.

In the semi-final match Buck Davidson is getting a return go with Walter "Sneeze" Achui, the popular Chinaman. A couple of weeks ago these boys put on a terrific battle with Achui finally earning a slightly disputed decision. The opener sees Tony Morelli, former amateur wrestling champ from the University of Florida, grappling with Billy McEwin, who put up a stiff tussle against Achui last Friday before he was subjected to some of the Chinaman's jiu-jitsu.

Washington Men Leave For Meet

SEATTLE, June 30 (AP)—Seven University of Washington trackmen leave today for the annual Vancouver, B. C., police games Saturday. Squad members include Evert Pitman and Bill Hoelscher, sprinters; Bert Joachims and Gerald Bell, 440; Martin Smith, shotput and discus; Gene Raymond, 880, and Bob Lurie, pole vault.

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Yankees Stage Comeback To Threaten St. Louis

Champs Win Seven In Row to Climb Close to Browns; Four Teams Shut Out

By JACK HAND Associated Press Sports Writer Reports of the New York Yankees' death appear to have been greatly exaggerated.

The world champions today seek their seventh straight and a clean sweep of the series from the leading St. Louis Browns. Only half a step from the American league's last-place graveyard two weeks ago, the New Yorkers have pulled out of their tailspin and captured eight of their last nine with a six-game win streak that includes two in a row over their 1944 "cousins" from Missouri whom they have topped seven times in nine tries.

Wait "Monk" Dubiel hurled the McCarthy clan to within two and a half games of the top yesterday with a brilliant two-hit shutout made possible by Rollie Hemsley's line single to center scoring Bud Metheny. There were two out in the last of the ninth and two strikes on the batter when the veteran catcher patted Sig Jakucki's "Sunday" pitch to earn a 1-0 New York edge.

Shutout pitching was the order of the day, with Allie Reynolds of Cleveland hanging a 6-0 whitewash on Philadelphia; Detroit's Hal Newhouser stopping Washington, 4-0, for his 11th victory, and Bill Lee tossing the Phillies to a 1-0 nod over George Munger of the St. Louis Cardinals on a 10th inning single by Jimmy Waddell.

Tex Hughson collected his 11th decision as the Boston Red Sox shedded Chicago, 5-4, but Francis "Red" Barrett had to turn in a fancy four-inning relief chore to save the game. The New York-Pittsburgh game in the National ended in a 1-1 tie, with Bill Voiselle opposing Nick Strincevich, called at the end of the fifth due to

rain. Brooklyn, Boston, Chicago and Cincinnati were not scheduled in the National. Reynolds chipped in with two doubles and a single in downing Russ Christopher of the A's. It was a costly defeat for the Mackmen, who lost the services of First Baseman Dick Siebert for several weeks when he was spiked on the right leg and had to be carried from the field. Pete Fox drove in two of Boston's runs after Manager Joe Cronin had touched off a 4-run first inning spurt with his 4th homer of the year as Hughson decided Ed Lopat. Rudy York smashed his 8th homer as Detroit raked Early Wynn for eight blows, while Newhouser struck out nine, didn't issue a walk and yielded only two singles.

Dempsey Declares Americans Soft

PASCO, June 30 (AP)—Cmdr. Jack Dempsey of the coast guard and former world heavyweight boxing champion, told a naval air station audience last night that the reason "we are just getting ready to fight is that it took too long to train and condition America's manpower." Dempsey declared the nation should have a compulsory physical training program for youth after the war.

CONN PREPARES

LONDON, June 30 (AP)—Billy Conn of Pittsburgh, Pa., former light-heavyweight champion of the world, was to start training today for a boxing exhibition tour of British army camps. The U. S. army corporal arrived yesterday.

OPA Checks Autos At Seattle Track

SEATTLE, June 30 (AP)—Office of price administration agents continued today a check of automobiles at the Longview race track in what District OPA Director Arthur J. Kraus said was an investigation into possible misuse of non-rationed gasoline. The investigation began yesterday but while the OPA men circled the outside, Jockey Grant Zufelt did his rotating on the inside well enough to bring home three winners. The featured Sunset purse went to Pats By with Jockey Ralph News up.

Victory Open Normal Again

CHICAGO, June 30 (AP)—Golf competition returned to normal at the Edgewater course today as 57 pros and amateurs began the first round of a good, old-fashioned 72-hole tournament for the Chicago Victory Threathening golf's "big four" —Jug McSpaden, Byron Nelson, Sammy Byrd and Craig Wood—were such gents as Johnny Revolta, Ky Laffoon, Pvt. Chick Harbert and Lieut. Ben Hogan. On the basis of what they did during the team matches, they rank as favorites. The top amateurs in the field were Churek Kocsis and Ed Furgol of Detroit.

Wilford Wehrle of Racine, Wis., Steve Kovach, the Pittsburgh, Pa., steel worker and Bob Cochran, St. Louis newspaper man. Laffoon and Kovach won the pro-amateur title with a combined 36-hole score of 282, while Wood and Kocsis finished second with 284 and Byrd-Cochrane third with 285. The pro-amateur crown went to Revolta and Lieut. Patty Berg of the marines, who yesterday shot a 74—best woman's score of the meet. The Revolta-Berg tally was 287. They were followed by McSpaden-Dorothy Germain with 293 and Hogan-Babe Didrikzen Zaharias with 295.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT By The Associated Press BOSTON, MASS.— Manuel Ortiz, 125 1/2, El Centro, Calif., outpointed Larry Bolvin, 125 1/2, Providence, R. I. 10.

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