

Gardner Nominates Two Men for Post of Czar

Rickey or O'Connor Suggested as Top Material by Texas League President

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF DALLAS, Feb. 23 (AP)—Listen to a voice from the minors on who should be named high commissioner of baseball.



From MIDFIELD

By PAUL HAINES

These men know the minor league problems from top to bottom, both as lawyers and would bring to baseball a wealth of knowledge and experience suited especially to conduct of the game.

Gardner didn't think there was a chance of the Texas league resuming in 1945.

New York Yank Deal Finished

By JOE REICHLER NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (AP)—The New York Yankees were in the hands of new owners today with formal completion of the transaction transferring control of the famed club and its vast holdings from the Ruppert estate to Col. Larry MacPhail, Capt. Dan Topping and Del Webb.

MacPhail took over the presidency and general management of the club while Ed Barrow, retiring boss, assumed the chairmanship of the board of directors. Eight of the 11 directors resigned leaving only George M. Weiss, vice president and secretary; Byron Clark Jr., Yankees' attorney; and Barrow of the former group.

Pleasant Hill Wins In Lane County's "B" Cage Tourney

EUGENE, Feb. 23 (AP)—The opening round of Lane county's "B" cage tourney here last night saw Pleasant Hill, finalist in last year's state contest, swamp Coast 64-26.

Rogue River Blasts Eagle Point, 29-16 In "B" Tournament

MEDFORD, Feb. 23 (AP)—Rogue River emerged from the first round of the Jackson-Josephine county "B" tournament last night with a 29-16 defeat over Eagle Point.

Referee Declares Bout "No Decision"

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23 (AP)—Referee Toby Irwin ended a scheduled 10-round main event fight at Civic auditorium between Jackie Cooper, 148 1/2, Chicago, and Freddie Dixon, 147, Phoenix, Ariz., in the seventh round last night and declared it "no decision."

"Phog" Allen Will Enter Politics

LAWRENCE, Kas., Feb. 23 (AP)—Dr. F. C. "Phog" Allen, fiery University of Kansas basketball mentor, is entering a new field—politics.

He has filed as a candidate for the Lawrence city council on the republican ticket.



"Grey Mask" to Bop Beaks With Gloomy Gust Tonight

Klamath rassing fans should get their fill of excitement and spills tonight at the Klamath arena when Gloomy Gust Johnson, junior heavyweight king of the Pacific coast, matches holds with the savage, invincible "Grey Mask."

Lou Novikoff Proves Bust In Majors

By JERRY LISKA CHICAGO, Feb. 23 (AP)—It could happen only to Lou Novikoff, baseball's enigmatic "Mad Russian"—waived out of the big leagues at the height of a manpower shortage.

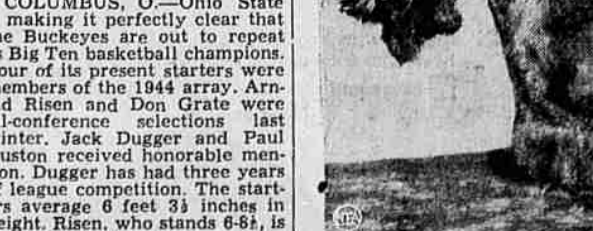
Co-Kingpins Of Golf Face Two Threats

By SKIPPER PATRICK PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 23 (AP)—Sammy Sneed of Hot Springs, Va., and Byron Nelson—co-kingpins in the pro golf business each started after his fifth championship of the winter tour today faced with a couple of new threats to their fairways supremacy.

Bucks Quality as Hoop Champions

COLUMBUS, O.—Ohio State is making it perfectly clear that the Buckeyes are out to repeat as Big Ten basketball champions. Four of its present starters were members of the 1944 array.

Winner and New Champion



For the first time in 34 years, a scottie was named "best dog" at Westminster Kennel Club's annual show at Madison Square Garden, New York. New champion is Shielings Signature, owned by Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Sneathen of Allison Park, Pa. Scotties throughout the nation must be rejoicing.

Coast Cage Title May Be Decided

Cougars Mix With Huskies In Seattle; Beavers Meet Idaho Five At Corvallis

By The Associated Press

The possible championship hopes of three northern division basketball squads rest today on the outcome of weekend series scheduled tonight and Saturday in Seattle and Corvallis where the Washington State college Cougars engage the University of Washington and Oregon State tackles Idaho.

Oregon, third club in the title deadlock, is idle, having but one game with Oregon State remaining to finish out its schedule. A win by either Washington or Idaho, however, would greatly enhance the Webfoot championship hopes.

"Sugar" Ray Set for Tiff With Lamotta

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (AP)—Ray "Sugar" Robinson returns to his home grounds at Madison Square Garden tonight to meet Jake Lamotta, the only fighter who has beaten him in 54 pro starts.

Head Grid Coach At Arkansas May Get Boost In Pay

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 23 (AP)—The head football coach at the University of Arkansas can be paid a salary as high as \$12,500 a year, if a bill introduced yesterday in the Arkansas senate becomes law.

Ironmen Wallop Stars to Tie For Hockey Lead

SEATTLE, Feb. 23 (AP)—Scoring three goals and a pair of assists, Manager Frank Dotten paced his Seattle Ironmen back into a deadlock for the northern division, Pacific Coast Hockey league, lead last night with a 6-4 win over the Seattle Stars.

AN EVEN DOZEN PITTSBURGH—AL Lopez of the Pirates wears No. 12, lives at 1210 12th avenue, Tampa, and last season was his 12th major league season catching 100 games, tying Gabby Hartnett's National league record.

Way Up



Bill Henry paced Rice to 10th straight and Southwest Conference championship. Six-foot eight-inch, 215-pound center is greatest point-maker in league's history.

Manpower Baseball's Big Worry

Frick Says 25 Per Cent Travel Cut Was Own Idea, All-Star Game Eliminated

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (AP)—Its transportation problems apparently solved, baseball's chief worry today was whether it would have enough manpower to play in 1945.

Ford Frick, National league president, returning from a series of conferences with James F. Byrnes, war mobilization director, and Col. J. Monroe Johnson, ODT chief, professed to be highly satisfied with the results achieved in Washington.

While refusing to say what he and Will Haridge, American league head, discussed with Byrnes, Frick said he doubted whether Byrnes or anyone else would have anything to say about the manpower problem until something was done with legislation now under consideration in Washington.

Three Teams Tie For First Place In Gift Toss Bee

LEXINGTON, Mo., Feb. 23 (AP)—Boise, Idaho, and Hazel Park, Mich., high schools tied for first place in the fifth week of the national "postage stamp" free throwing contest sponsored by Wentworth Military academy, Capt. E. P. Coleman, director, announced today.

DETROIT GETS COACH FROM FERTILE FIELD

DETROIT—Charles E. Baer comes to Detroit as head football coach from Illinois, where he was an assistant.

1,323,000 HAVE VISITED MAN O' WAR

LEXINGTON, Ky. — More than 1,323,000 people from all over the world have visited Man o' War at Faraway Farm. This is shown by the guest book which Will Harbut proudly keeps.

Cardinals Are No Part of Champs Against Walters

CINCINNATI — Since first tackling Bucky Walters as a Red, August 12, 1938, the Cardinals have won 617 National league games against 355 reverses, for a percentage of .635. Against Walters, the Red Birds have bagged 12 and dropped 20, for .375.

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Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (AP)—An explanation of the "home field" restriction on the college athletics points out that Army and Notre Dame were allowed to play football in New York, although the squads traveled just as far to meet South Bend or West Point.

MORE TRAVEL NOTES

The Amateur Hockey association, which has an East-West playoff scheduled at Seattle in April for the national title, says there'll be no extra transportation because virtually all the eastern league players come from western Canada and will be heading home about that time, anyway.

TUG O'WAR

Lt. Glen Alexander, former Penn State wrestling champion, returned to State college, Pa., Saturday afternoon after a 28-month tour of duty in Africa and Italy.

DERBY SET FOR JUNE

LONDON, Feb. 23 (AP)—The Derby, traditional classic English flat racing, will be held at Newmarket on Saturday, June 9.

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CEITHAML BACK HOME
ANN ARBOR—Ensign George F. Ceithaml, Michigan's 1942 football captain, who commanded a landing barge during Sicily and Normandy invasions, is now at an eastern base studying to become a gunnery officer.

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