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Military Athletics OK Till Brass Makes Deals

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Stories out of Washington said the investigation was of the Army's allegedly dodging athletes, not a probe of the involved talent.

But who absorbed most of the ridicule from the public? The athletes.

We feel qualified to speak of the service athlete with something hardly resembling authority because you're listening to a steel-nerved veteran of World War II who spent 18 months in the middle of probably the greatest concentration of name athletes south of the banquet circuit. And why were we at Bainbridge Naval Training Center, keeping score and writing releases? For the same reason the muscle men were—following orders.

Was this being dodged? We believe it was, being of the opinion that the services could do away with gaudy varsity sports programs and no one would ever miss them.

Athletes have a place in the picture, but not to the point where the brass connives to acquire players and battalions of recruits are sand-bagged to help fill the stands.

The star's fate was in the hands of the athletic officer.

If he came to Bainbridge as a boot who had a first rate athletic background, he remained. If he continued to play first rate, he remained longer. You could say the same thing about thousands of service men from the other crafts—musicians, specialists, barbers.

Coaches talked trade like Stanky and Tebbetta. When some players got orders to ship out, they were on the phone, calling Andy Piney in Norfolk or Joe Beggs at Camp Shelton to see if they could use a good man before it was too late.

Stan Musial's assignment to Bainbridge kicked up a typhoon among the dry-land Navy bases. The training center at Sampson, N. Y., also needed a left-hand batter, and you could hear the squawking from Lake Geneva clear down to Port Deposit. Bainbridge officials were accused of calling up the draft board.

The organized traffic in Navy talent continued when Musial shipped out because Bill Dickey needed some power in his Pearl Harbor League.

With the exception of those still taking recruit training or attending Physical Instruction School, the basketball's Navy life off the diamond was pretty much of a picnic—as was most everyone's on the overmanned Bainbridge base. PI graduates who were top athletes were moved into a division called Welfare and Recreation. Eddie Miksis had to spend two extra weeks in the school before a place could be found for him on the complement.

PI School was rough. Many had a surprisingly stiff time meeting requirements. Johnny Mize remained a PI man for almost twice the normal curriculum because he couldn't learn to swim.

The "moral" angle of having Frank Merriwell scoring touchdowns for a particular service is stretched.

The slob in the stands would much rather be in fawn.

Senators Stop Caps Win Skein

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Western International League kinsmen all took it on the chin Friday night, with Vancouver's live-game win streak ended and the Caplans' lead chopped to one-half a game.

The Caps bowed to Salem, 6-2, as Yakima trounced Lewiston, 6-4, and moved into the runnerup spot.

Yakima exploded for five runs in the seventh to come from behind and put the skids under the Broncos. The loss booted the Broncos from a tie for second into a tie for third.

Their co-partners in the third place bracket, Spokane's Indians, who were edged 7-3, by the Wenatchee Chiefs. The night's other game saw the last-place Tri-City Braves chop down Victoria, 7-4.

A four-run second inning gave Salem's Senators their victory over Vancouver. The runs came off three singles, Connie Perez's double, a walk and a sacrifice fly. The Caps couldn't recover.

Yakima's Bears appeared to be a whipped team when Lonnie Summers started off with a single. Dick Briskley's double, two more singles, a walk and a double by Len Noren did the damage. The Bears added another in the eighth for insurance.

Four unearned runs in the second frame added up to Wenatchee's win over the Indians. The first runner got aboard on an error and before the Tribe could do more the fire the Chiefs were out in front to stay. Wenatchee added insult to injury with three more runs in the third on Lloyd Jenney's "round-tripper."

Tri-City's Braves jumped off to a 6-1 lead after three innings and were never headed in their game with Victoria, an error-filled contest which saw four bobbles by the Braves and three by the Tyees. Victoria rallied for three runs in the seventh, but the spurge was choked off before Tri-City's lead went by the boards.

The same duos hook up again Saturday night with Calgary and Edmonton joining action in a twin bill at Edmonton.

The Shortstops:
Victoria 001-000-300-4 6 3
Tri-City 123-100-000-7 12 4
Pinn, Smith, (7) and Martin; Clough, Dobner (7) and Warren.

Vancouver 010-001-000-2 9 2
Salem 140-000-01x-6 11 0
Franks, Del Sarto (2) and Pesut; Johnson and Heiser.

Spokane 002-000-102-5 10 3
Wenatchee 043-000-00x-7 10 2
Romero, Closs (7) and Dean; Bowman and Jenney.

Lewiston 000-001-300-4 9 0
Yakima 000-000-51x-6 9 1
Yaylian and Garay; Rios, Machado (7), Cramichael (8) and Summers.

MAJOR LEAGUE Leaders

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Batting — Boone, Detroit, .352; Avila, Cleveland, .350; Rosen, Cleveland, .344; Goodman, Boston and Tuttle, Detroit, .342.

Runs batted in — Rosen, Cleveland, 26; Minoso, Chicago, 21; Philley, Cleveland, 20; Berra, New York and Slevers, Washington, 18.

Home runs — Berra, New York, 6; Slevers, Washington, 5; Jensen, Boston, 4; Minoso, Chicago, 4; Westlake and Philley, Cleveland, 3; Boone, Detroit and Vernon, Washington, 4.

Pitching — Lemon, Cleveland and Lopat, New York, 5-0, 1.000; Garver, Detroit and Morgan, New York, 3-0, 1.000; Consuegra, Chicago, 3-0, 1.000; Cleveland, Branca, Detroit and McDonald, New York, 2-0, 1.000.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Batting — Musial, St. Louis, .390; Mueller, New York, .375; Honmer, Philadelphia and Robinson, Brooklyn, .370; Jablonski, St. Louis, .365.

Runs batted in — Musial, St. Louis, 31; Alston, St. Louis, 27; Bell, Cincinnati and Jablonski, St. Louis, 26; Sauer, Chicago, 25; Zerkow, Cincinnati and Ennis, Philadelphia, 25.

Home runs — Musial, St. Louis, 11; Sauer, Chicago, 10; Kluszewski, Cincinnati, 10; Hodges, Brooklyn and Irvin and Mays, New York, 7.

Pitching — Podres, Brooklyn and aschl, St. Louis, 4-0, 1.000; Flower and Nuxhall, Cincinnati, 3-0, 1.000; Grooms and Jansen, New York, 2-0, 1.000; and Presko, St. Louis, 2-0, 1.000.

TIME OUT



"Boy! Run get a can and a lot of hot water out after that shower!"

Tigers Stymie Experts

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK (AP)—The impression one brought away from the training camp of the Detroit Tigers at Lakeland, La., this spring was that the club owned only two big league ball players, Harvey Kuenn and Ray Boone, and that Manager Fred Hutchinson didn't even want to discuss the situation. To avoid being subpoenaed, Fred spent long periods pitching his own batting practice, out where he couldn't be seen.

Men came away shaking their heads and saying "what's the shame that such a nice fellow as the former pitcher found himself saddled with so much nothing, and there was speculation on how much longer it might be before his employers decided that a change of managers would solve their problems. Hutch had taken over an eighth place club from Red Rolfe during the '52 season and so hadn't had a fair shake, really. It was agreed that the national game was loaded with injustices.

SYMPATHY
Never, apparently, was so much sympathy heaped upon one man by so many with so little reason. The season is a month gone—if you don't count the rain-outed games—and Hutchinson's amazing assortment of minor league nobodies and reformed veterans still are scratching and clawing for the American League leadership. They're actually gotten the idea they're going to stay up there.

Hutchinson probably still is speechless, but we see where one of his coaches, Johnny Hopp, is quoted as follows in the Detroit News:

"This club will be no flash in the pan. We've seen the best clubs in the league and have given them all tough games. We've had no soft touches. I never saw better team attitude. That alone will carry Detroit a long way."

One of the biggest factors in the team's surprising play, Hopp feels, is the complete reversal of form by catcher Frank House, the former \$75,000 bonus beauty, since the Tigers broke camp. The big fellow has been handling his pitchers in great style and hitting the ball lustily.

SLY GLANCES
There were sly side glances when Hutchinson said he might start the season with an outfield composed of rookies Bill Tuttle and Al Kaline, the latter only 19, and the veteran Jim Delsing. This obviously was suicide. Yet we see that Tuttle, who hit only .276 for Buffalo last year, is fighting for the league batting leadership, and that Delsing, who never before hit much of anything, anywhere, is among the league's top 10 hitters. Kaline, the kid from Baltimore, is filling rightfield to the hilt. Still is filling rightfield to the hilt. Still is doing better than all right at second.

No one down south could have predicted that either Steve Gromek, the Cleveland castoff, or Ned Garver, whose trick knee had undergone an operation, would do much on the hill this year. Yet between them they won eight of the Tigers' first 11 victories, all full length efforts. Walt Dropo, the club's large first-baseman who was supposed to be such a dragging anchor, isn't doing anything except knocking in runs.

"Bonus Baby" Frank Leja and veteran Eddie Robinson are the heaviest members of the Yankees. Each weighs 210 pounds.

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Hardtops Roll Sunday

Suds Win Third From Portland

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Seattle Rainiers shoot for win No. 4 Saturday in their torrid inter-city Pacific Coast League duel with the Portland Beavers.

The Suds racked up their third victory of the first series between the two squads this season, 6-4, as cagey Steve Nagy beat Portland's Dick Fielder and Bob Alexander.

A wild throw by third sacker Rocky Kramich in the fifth inning allowed two runs to score and that miscue cost Portland the game.

As a whole, the league pennant race is a very snappy affair.

Only 3½ games separate Sacramento, in first place, and Los Angeles in seventh place. Los Angeles is in the depths because of a sudden slump that has run through two series, and the Angels bowed again Friday night, 10-4, to tail end San Francisco, which is 8½ games off the pace.

The surprising Sacramento Solons divided a doubleheader with San Diego, blowing the first one, 7-5, but taking the other, 5-2. The first game was a continuation of the contest that was halted Thursday night in the fifth inning, when two electric light poles in left field caught fire and all the lights in Lane Field went out. Ken Humphrey drove in four runs in the eighth inning of the second game to clinch victory for the Sacs. Milo Candini, who stepped in the box for Sacramento in the seventh, got credit for the win.

Hollywood moved into second place, a half game back of the Sacs, by dumping Oakland again, 5-2. Red Munger had the edge on lefty Ernie Broglio, who was wiled. Frankie Kelleher clouted a homer over the left field wall in the sixth for the Stars with the bases empty.

The Los Angeles defeat at San Francisco was occasioned by lefty Joe Hatten's wildness, but the Seals hit the ball hard and often, continued the attack on Randy Gumpert, and had two five-run innings, the first and fourth.

Portland 100 100 020-4 8 1
Seattle 110 030 10x-8 9 1
Fielder, Alexander, (5) and Gladd; Nagy and Orteig.

WSC Cougars Edge Idaho 2-1

PULLMAN (AP)—The Washington State College Cougars edged Idaho, 2-1, in 11 innings here Friday as Ron Webb pitched a one-hitter in a battle of Northern Division all-stars.

Webb, who went the distance in fanning 11 Vandals, scored the tying run in the fifth inning. The tiebreaker came on a double by error.

Nevada Shooter Wins Trapshoot

SPOKANE (AP)—H. E. McCoskey, Crystal Bay, Nev., won the Class AA title of the Inland Empire handicap trapshoot here Friday with a 197x200 score.

Walt Appel of Tonasket topped the Class B with 194x200 and Class A honors went to Bruce Finnell of Craigmont, Idaho, with 196x200.

Minor League Baseball

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INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Havana 2-5, Syracuse 0-4
Toronto 6, Ottawa 5
Montreal 5, Rochester 2
Buffalo at Richmond, postponed.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
Columbus 5, Charleston 1
Toledo 6, Louisville 1
Indianapolis 4, Kansas City 2
Minneapolis 14, St. Paul 6

TEXAS LEAGUE
Dallas 4, Tulsa 1
Shreveport 2, Houston 1
Fort Worth 15, Oklahoma City 5
San Antonio 15, Beaumont 7

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION
Little Rock 3, Chattanooga 1
Birmingham 7, Mobile 1
Memphis 10, Nashville 8
Atlanta 3, New Orleans 0

PIONEER LEAGUE
Billings 1, Salt Lake City 0
Magic Valley 6, Idaho Falls 4
Great Falls 14, Ogden 12

Penn. Navy Record Fast Times

WASHINGTON (AP)—Penn rowed the fastest qualifying time in the history of the Eastern Sprint Regatta championships Saturday, but 10 minutes later unbeaten Navy broke the new standard set by Penn, Navy was clocked at 6 minutes, 51.0 seconds. Penn's time was 6:01.5.

Both times — set in qualifying trials for the ninth annual championships, were faster than the 6:01.7 mark set in a trial heat by Wisconsin in 1952.

It was the Navy varsity's 25th consecutive victory and set the stage for a stirring battle with Penn in the afternoon finals.

Qualifying along with Navy and Penn for the finals were Cornell, Wisconsin, Yale and Harvard.

The highest batting average ever attained by a member of the Washington Senators was .379 by Goose Goslin in 1928.

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	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Sacramento	22	17	.564	
Hollywood	21	17	.553	1/2
Oakland	21	18	.538	1
San Diego	20	18	.526	1 1/2
Seattle	20	19	.513	2
Portland	18	19	.486	3
Los Angeles	19	21	.475	3 1/2
San Francisco	13	23	.342	8 1/2

Friday Night's Results
San Francisco 10, Los Angeles 4
Hollywood, 5, Oakland 2
San Diego 7-2, Sacramento 5-5
Seattle 6, Portland 4.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
W L Pct. GB

Philadelphia	14	10	.583	
New York	15	11	.577	
Brooklyn	14	11	.560	1/2
St. Louis	14	12	.538	1
Cincinnati	15	13	.538	1
Milwaukee	12	12	.500	2
Chicago	9	13	.409	4
Pittsburgh	8	19	.296	7 1/2

Friday's Results
St. Louis 10, Brooklyn 1
New York 9, Chicago 6
Cincinnati 1, Philadelphia 0
Pittsburgh 3, Milwaukee 2 (10 innings)

AMERICAN LEAGUE
W L Pct. GB

Chicago	13	10	.565	
New York	15	10	.600	1
Cleveland	15	10	.600	1
Detroit	12	8	.600	1 1/2
Philadelphia	10	14	.417	5 1/2
Baltimore	9	13	.409	5 1/2
Washington	8	15	.348	7
Boston	6	12	.333	6 1/2

Friday's Results
New York 6, Detroit 4
Cleveland 5, Washington 2
Chicago 4, Philadelphia 3
Baltimore 7, Boston 2

Western International League
W L Pct. GBL

Vancouver	10	6	.625	
Yakima	10	7	.588	1/2
Spokane	9	7	.563	1
Lewiston	9	7	.563	1
Victoria	8	7	.533	1 1/2
Salem	9	8	.529	1 1/2
Edmonton	6	6	.500	2
Wenatchee	7	9	.438	3
Calgary	4	8	.333	4
Tri-City	5	12	.294	5 1/2

Friday's Results
Tri-City 7, Victoria 4
Salem 6, Vancouver 2
Wenatchee 7, Spokane 5
Yakima 6, Lewiston 4

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GOLF

LANDOVER, Md. — Babe Zaharias took halfway lead in Women's National Capital Open with a 147 for 36 holes.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Polly Riley, the defending champion of Fort Worth, and Marjorie Burns, Greensboro, N. C., moved into finals of Women's Southern Tournament.

WESTBURY, N. Y. — Sammy Snead, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., took the lead after three rounds of the Meadow Brook Round Robin Tournament.

Grant Places Nine In Meet

PORTLAND (AP)—Grant High School will send the biggest Portland delegation to the state prep track meet at Corvallis next week.

It qualified nine men in the Portland interscholastic meet held here Friday.

Jefferson qualified in eight events and Roosevelt was third with six qualifications.

Jalopies Set For Opener



Hardtop racing will open officially tomorrow afternoon, when the starters flag releases the time trials at 1:30 on the Gems Speedway track.

The hardtop fans will see plenty of new sights this year from those of the past couple of racing seasons. The track has been widened, and the north curve has been extended and reinforced with stronger barriers.

Probably the biggest and best change that has been made at the Speedway is the lowering of the guard rails in front of the stands, so that every seat in the stands, no matter whether up high or down in front, is a good seat for watching the races.

The most delightful part of tomorrow's program, for the winner of the Trophy Dash at least, will be the presentation of the hardtop trophy by a lovely Klamath lass, Marilyn Humphreys, who will also give the trophy winner a kiss for his winning race.

Track Manager Sam Neslin is expecting over 50 cars to be entered in tomorrow's opening day festivities, that will include four ten-lap heat races, a final heat, the trophy dash, a consolation race for those who don't qualify for the semi-main and the main, and the final two racing specials, the semi and main, which will go 25 laps.

Included in these 50 or better cars will be a cavalcade of buggies from the Ashland-Medford-Grants Pass circuit of hardtoppers.

Besides the Southern Oregon drivers, the local drivers will have Mayor Paul Landry will drop the first flag at tomorrow afternoon's hardtop races.

Mayor Landry, in representing Klamath Falls at the seasonal opener for the racing season, will start the season when he gives the starting flag to the first race of the afternoon.

to put up with the Californians, who have been making the Klamath races a habit for the past few seasons.

The drivers from the southern side of the state line have demonstrated that they have the cars and know-how to give the other drivers on the track plenty to think about when the action begins.

Yreka, Mt. Shasta, Dunsmuir and Weed will probably all be represented on the nine-race program. Probably the better known of the bunch are Chick Robinson and Al Rossi, who took home plenty of prizes in the last few seasons.

The local drivers will not have to take a back seat to anyone as far as racing is concerned, and demonstrate that the experience picked up in past years will prove to be a big factor when it comes to crossing the finish line with the checkered flag waving.

Hardtoppers like Ben Morrison, Matt Christen, Russ Newell, Dale Hankins, Bill Hilton, George Smith, Bob Crawley, Johnny Hilton, Pee Wee Routs and many others have been picking up experience in the past seasons, and will all do their share of picking off prize money this year. Newell was last year's top point man in the local racing circuit.

According to Neslin, only the hardtops will be allowed inside the fences this year, because the big entry list will not leave much room for the tow cars to park inside the Speedway.

The admission prices this year will be children under six admitted free, 6-12 fifty cents, students \$1.00 and general admission seats will be sold at \$1.50. The general admission seats will entitle the ticket holder to any seat in the stands. There will not be any reserved seats this year.

ARCARO IS CHAMP

LOUISVILLE (AP)—Eddie Arcaro might very well be called Mr. Kentucky Derby. The only jockey who has ridden five Derby winners gained some sort of an additional honor in the 1954 Derby. In the field of 17 starters were six horses ridden by Arcaro in the last two years—Goyamo, Hasty Road, Correlation, Sea O Erin, James Session and Admiral Porter. He won at one time or another with all but James Session and Admiral Porter. In the Derby, Arcaro finished fourth aboard Goyamo.

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