

Sports Roundup

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—They're trying to take the fun out of hockey and who do you think is responsible? None other than Red Dutton, who never dodged any fun of fighting as a player. As managing director of the National Hockey League, Red's new idea is that officials shouldn't interfere in a fight unless more than two players are involved and the best fringes always develop when one athlete tries to pull someone off a teammate, is pulled in turn, etc., while the pool ref in the middle absorbs most of the punches. In the first fight we've seen under Red's new order, the boys tossed a few round-house rights, wrestled a while and then just looked at each other sheepishly. It was as dull as a boxing contest.

OLD YARN, NEW STYLE
With the co-operation of prexy Ned Irish of Madison Square Garden, the New York Catholic Youth Organization will present a trophy to the outstanding player in Monday's Notre Dame-New York U. basketball game. The award will be presented under the direction of Jack Lavelle, former Notre Dame footballer, after a vote by a newspapermen's committee headed by Tim Cahane. Like the old baseball tale of the time base-runner Chalmersley tried to reach the plate ahead of a relay, Casey to Ryan to O'Hoolihan with Umpire Shea making the decision, what chance do the N. Y. U. boys have?

SHORTS AND SHELLS
Looks as if the Southeastern conference schools are serious about resuming football next fall from the way they're lining up coaching staffs. Newest assistants

Table Tennis Tournament In Wilmington Organized

The Wilmington Municipal Recreation Department has organized three table tennis tournaments to be held in Wilmington on February 23, March 1, and March 9. The first of these contests is to be for the service men stationed in the Wilmington area. Officers and enlisted men from any branch of the service are eligible. All entries for the tournament, which is to be held at the Woodrow Wilson hut, Fourth and Princess Streets, at 7:00 p.m. on February 23, must be filed with Mr. Earl Underwood at the City Hall before midnight February 18. Entry blanks for this tournament may be obtained at the City Hall, the Woodrow Wilson hut and the United Service Organizations. The tournament on March 1 will be for the civilians of this section. The competition will be divided into four groups, Boys 13 to 15, Men 16 and over, Girls 13 to 15, Women 16 and over. This table action is to be held in the Isaac Bear School

gymnasium on Wednesday, March 1. The Boy and Girl divisions will hold their meets at 4:00 p.m. The Men and Women groups are to begin their play at 7:00 p.m. Entries for these contests must be filed before midnight February 15 with Mr. Underwood. The entry blanks may be secured at the Lake Forest Community Center, the City Hall, Maffitt Village, the YMCA and the Brigade Boys club. The third tournament, which is to be held on March 9, will be for the negroes of the Wilmington area. This tennis event is scheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m. in the Robert R. Taylor Homes gym, Fourth and Nixon Streets. Additional information concerning this tournament may be obtained from Norman Pendergrass, 902 South 14th Street.

Bred heifers, costing \$75 in the fall, are now selling at \$125 to \$150 as family cows, reports Assistant County Agent J. P. Quinerly of Whiteville to the State College Extension Service.

Bob Coleman Named New Brave Manager

Great Batting Average

VETERAN CATCHER FOLLOWS STENGEL AS BOSTON PILOT

BOSTON, Feb. 12.—Bob Coleman, veteran minor league catcher and for seven years a member of the Braves organization, today was named manager of the Boston National League baseball club under a one-year contract. Coleman served as a coach under Casey Stengel, who resigned the management of the Boston club a few weeks ago when control of the organization passed into the hands of three Boston contractors. He immediately announced the appointment of Tom Sheehan, manager of the Minneapolis club of the American Association, as his coach. Sheehan replaces George Kelly, former New York Giant star, who resigned soon after Stengel bowed out.

Coleman's appointment promised to be popular both among sportsmen and fans. Most of the baseball world conceded that the veteran Bob is far ahead of the pack in the matter of handling young players and bringing them up to date in the game.

Bob Quinn, Braves president, offered him the management of the club last Wednesday and Coleman's reply was that he would be "mighty glad" to take over. Coleman is a veteran of more than 20 years of managing in minor league clubs, where he figured in the development of such later major stars as Hank Greenberg, Tommy Bridges, Eldon Auer, Roy Cullenbine, Al Javery, "Whitey" Wietelmann and Chuck Workman.

BETTING BOOMING AT HIALEAH PARK

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 12.—Tiny Ted Atkinson booted Woolford Farm's Silvestra to a narrow victory in the \$5,000 Black Helen Handicap at Hialeah Park today, bringing the grey mare from the brink of defeat with a rousing stretch ride. But the game six-year-old campaigner had to share the cheers of the crowd of 12,942 with Ella K. Bryson's Director J. E., a fast-moving colt which added to his ranking as an advance Kentucky Derby possibility with an easy triumph in a secondary race.

Hialeah had a new betting record for the second straight Saturday day. The parimutuel handle of \$1,016,797 topped last Saturday's \$1,005,527 mark.

Isaac Bieber's Moon Maiden actually headed Silvestra in the sprint for home in the Black Helen, but Atkinson rallied the tiring thoroughbred and urged her to a head triumph. Five lengths behind Moon Maiden was Mrs. E. H. Augustus' Fiddlers Bit, while the favored Wise Moss wound up fourth.

Silvestra finished second to Calumet Farm's Mar-Kell two weeks ago in the Evening Handicap, the only other big Hialeah stake for fillies and mares. With Mar-Kell on the sidelines today, Silvestra simply refused to be beaten by other members of her sex.

The prices across the board on the winner were \$6.40, \$3.50 and \$3.50. Moon Maiden paid \$4.90 and \$3.60, and Fiddlers Bit returned \$8.90.

Silvestra's time of 1:52 1-5 for the mile and one-eighth was four seconds slower than the track record.

Director J. E., equine namesake of Director John Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was beaten by older horses earlier this week in his first start of the year.

But against six other three-year-olds today he showed to real advantage, staying out front all the way and coasting over the six furlong course in 1:12 1-5. The colt was a \$3.60 for \$2 favorite to win, and returned \$2.70 and \$2.40 to place and show.

Grant Thorn's Fire Sticky finished second, four lengths behind Director J. E. but a good half-length in front of another Kentucky Derby possibility, A. C. Ernst's Alotter.

Fire Sticky paid \$3.90 and \$3. while Alotter, making his first out of the year, was \$3 in the show pool.

REVOLTA LEADS OPEN

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 12.—Swarthy Johnny Revolta, Evanston, Ill., professional, shot a seven-under-par 64 today to take the lead at the half-way mark in the \$5,000, 72-hole Texas Open.

Revolta's total score of 133 sent him ahead of Harold (Jug) McSpaden of Philadelphia, who had fired a 67 to lead at the end of the opening 18 holes yesterday. McSpaden faltered today for a one-over par 72 to slip to 139.

Byron Nelson of Toledo, Ohio, who had a 75 yesterday, whipped par by eight strokes today to make his card for 36 holes read 138.

Sam Byrd, the former major league baseball player, and Melvin (Chick) Harbert of Lincoln, Neb., Army Air Field, edged past McSpaden, Byrd posting a 68 and Harbert 67 for totals of 138.



When St. Louis Cardinals donated their championship caps to Major Greg Boyington's "Black Sheep" Squadron, the boys promised to bring down a Jap for every cap. So far they've downed 48 Japs for 20 caps. These Leathernecks, shown in South Pacific, left to right, Lt. Robert W. McClung of Newcastle, Pa., Lt. Robert Paul A. Mullen of Pittsburgh, and Lt. Edwin L. Olander of Northampton, Mass., are aiming to make the score three for every cap now.

North Carolina Pro Golf Tour In March Uncertain

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 12.—North Carolina's annual March professional golf tour which three days ago promised at least three and possibly four or five tournaments had degenerated today to where the status of only one event was entirely clear.

Everyone seemed agreed that the \$10,000 (in War Bonds) Charlotte Open would go on as scheduled March 17, 18 and 19.

The 44th annual North and South at Pinehurst will be played as scheduled March 14, 15 and 16 but apparently without sanction of the PGA, to which all the leading pros belong.

Greensboro faced the possibility of not having any tournament for its golf-hungry fans because of a conflict over the dates granted Charlotte by PGA president Ed Dudley.

Word from Winston-Salem was that plans for arranging a tournament there had been dropped, but at Durham, which also is in the market for an event, Bull City sponsors were still in contact with Dudley looking for a tournament date.

At Greensboro, where golf draws tremendous galleries, the Junior Chamber of Commerce said it had not decided what action to take. The gate city had asked for the dates granted Charlotte, but Dudley, at San Antonio for the Texas Open, said the sponsors did not reply in time with a definite agreement to finance the event.

Dudley said PGA sponsorship of the North and South was withheld because sufficient money had not been guaranteed to meet the required quota. The action would not bar PGA Members from playing in the event if they desired to.

The pros in recent years have played three 72-hole tournaments in the state, at Pinehurst, Greensboro and Asheville, but last season only the North and South was continued as a fixture. In that the field was limited to men over 38 or in the service and the prize money reduced to \$4,000 in War Bonds.

SERVICE LEAGUE HAS TIGHT GAMES

The clever 402nd. Fighter Squadron cagers handed the Port Fisher five their first Municipal Service Men's basketball league defeat Thursday night by a 40-39 count in the Chestnut Street School gym.

The Fighter Squadron hoopers held a 22-18 advantage at the half time. The tilt was extremely close and hard-fought throughout the entire game. Lollar paced the 402nd. offensive attack with 19 points. Top point gatherer for the Fisher club was Hoodzow with 18 tallies.

In another thrilling court affair in the Municipal loop, the Blue-thenal Air Base quint eked out a 32-30 score.

Cetnar grabbed the point gathering laurels for the victors by whipping in 10 markers. Scoring leaders for the Coast Guard hard-wooders were Knight and Devine with 8 points apiece.

12 Teams Enter Golden Gloves And A.A.U. Wars

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 12.—Eight service and four civilian teams, along with scores of unattached boxers, have entered the twelfth annual Carolinas Golden Gloves and A. A. U. championships, scheduled next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, sponsors announced tonight.

Before registration and weighing-in on Wednesday, additional teams likely will be enrolled, and it was predicted that the complete field for both open and junior divisions would number between 125 and 150 contestants.

Catcher Al Lopez Signs His Pittsburgh Contract

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 12.—The signed contract of veteran catcher Al Lopez of the Pittsburgh Pirates—his 15th in the major leagues—was received today from his home at Tampa, Fla., President William E. Benswanger announced. Lopez, pirate captain, caught in 118 games last year and was charged with but one passed ball all season.

EXAMINATIONS

RALEIGH, Feb. 12.—The North Carolina board of nurse examiners will conduct examinations for graduate nurses March 21 and 22 in Winston-Salem. Bessie M. Chapman, secretary, said applications must be filed with her by March 6.

SPINK INQUIRES ON BALL STATUS

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 12.—J. G. Taylor Spink, publisher of the Sporting News, said today he was speaking only for himself, on a matter of news for his weekly sports paper, when he wrote recently asking President Roosevelt for an expression of the status of baseball in the war effort.

Commissioner Kenesaw M. Landis commented in Chicago yesterday that Spink was not a spokesman for baseball and that "no body authorized to speak has requested preferential treatment of any kind for any player."

Spink said his letter made no inquiry regarding application of selective service act to ball players but related solely to the availability of players who had taken war jobs in industry during the off-season.

"I pointed out that fewer than 2,000 players should be required for the major and minor leagues this summer," Spink said, "and I asked whether these players, when filling the recreational wants of the nation, would not be just as useful and essential as they would be in industry."

Stephen Early, secretary to the president, replied to Spink the matter would be determined by the regulations laid down under the selective service act and the regulations governing the manpower situation generally.

Baseballer Dee Miles To Report For Exam

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 12.—Wilson (Dee) Miles, outfielder for the San Francisco club last year, said today he had been ordered by his local draft board to report at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., next Saturday for examination.

Married and the father of two children, Miles has been spending the winter here recovering from a broken leg suffered on the coast last year. He is employed in a Birmingham war plant.

St. Louis Browns Sign Catcher Frank Mancuso

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 12.—Frank Mancuso, former St. Antonio catcher, has been released from the Army and is now on the roster of the St. Louis Browns. Vice President Bill Dewitt announced today.

A paratroop lieutenant, Mancuso injured his leg in a jump and received a medical discharge. He played with San Antonio in 1942. His brother is Gus Mancuso, New York Giant catcher.

Conferees Will Vote On War Ballot Measure

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Senate and House conferees will meet next week in an attempt to meet next week in an attempt to work out a compromise bill to facilitate voting by members of the armed forces in this year's elections.

The joint committee must find something acceptable between the house's determination to leave the voting machinery in the hands of the states and the senate's insistence on use of a uniform federal ballot.

Senate conferees indicated today that they are hopeful a compromise measure can be worked out retaining the federal ballot for the use of voters whose home states fail to provide absentee ballots. Senator Connally (D-Tex.), one of the conferees and a states rights supporter, spoke of both "national and state ballots" in discussing the conference.

TURKS AND BRITISH SUSPEND PARLEYS

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say that travelers from Turkey reported officials opposed any halfway Turkish entry into the war, lest the country be subjected to German bombing or even land attack.)

Nevertheless, surmounting any new Turkish caution about the war is Turkey's acknowledgment that her alliance with Britain remains the main plank of Turkish foreign policy. Turks feel that this alliance will continue to be important to them after the war. It is paralleled by a policy of continuing to develop friendship with the United States and Russia.

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Steinborn-Bartush Will Battle Dillon-Coffield

Yank Hurler Chandler To Be Inducted Monday

MOULTRIE, Ga., Feb. 12.—Spurgeon (Spud) Chandler, New York Yankee pitcher who was voted the American League's most valuable player in 1943, left his home in Carnesville today enroute to Atlanta for army induction Monday.

Chandler, a member of the Yankee pitching staff for the past six years, had his most successful season last year, winning 20 games and losing four and compiling an earned run average of 1.67 runs per game.

After attending the University of Georgia, Chandler entered professional baseball at Springfield, Mass., in the Eastern league, and later played with Binghamton, N. Y., Newark, Syracuse, Minneapolis, Oakland and Portland, Ore. Chandler will join a group from Colquitt County Monday in Atlanta and report to Fort McPherson. He is married and has one child.

Western Open Golf Play Planned To Be Revived

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—The Western Golf Association today announced its intentions of reviving the time-honored Western Open championship this summer and, thus added its bit to one of sports' greatest movements in 1944—the comeback of tournament golf.

William T. Woodson of Chicago, newly elected president of the 45-year-old WGA, said the meet would be renewed after a year's suspension and that bids would be asked for courses accessible to public transportation facilities. The tournament would be linked with the war effort—war bond prizes being awarded and proceeds being turned over for some war benefit.

Olympic Zenith Takes Louisiana Derby Race

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 12.—William Hells' Olympic Zenith won the \$15,000 Louisiana Derby at the fair grounds today before a crowd of some 10,000, defeating a field of ten highly-rated three-year-olds. Under a well-timed ride by Jockey Nick Jemas, the winner beat Gay Bit by a length. Weyanoke was third.

Another episode in the Mills Steinborn vs. Jack Dillon and Jimmy Coffield wrestling feud, one of the hottest witnessed here in many a moon, is scheduled for the mat at Thalian hall next Friday night. Promoter Bert Causey announced yesterday.

As known to one and all of Wilmington's grapple art patrons, Steinborn has no use whatsoever for Dillon and Coffield. They've done him dirt time and again and his chances at revenge have been slim. So after last Friday night's go in which he wrestled both with Dillon being disqualified and Coffield standing off for the time limit, he went to Promoter Causey with a new bit of strategy.

"Why not," he asked Bert, "team me up with Billy Branch against those two birds?" Steinborn, known as a clever, scientific matman, is not especially fond of Bartush but he saw him beat Freddy Steele with his "Bartush Twister" and he knows Billy, also a roughie, is what he needed against the Dillon-Coffield pair. The "Twister," one of the most dangerous holds in wrestling, is expected to really give Steinborn an advantage—far once-over his pet hates. This tag team match, which will be for two out of three falls, has all the earmarks of being one of the best ever staged here.

In the evening's other engagement, Jerry Meeker, of Boston, will go against Pete Mammagoff of Kansas City. In this presentation, Promoter Causey is continuing his policy of offering a new face each week to the faithful. Meeker is a fast, clean, scrappy and his battle with Pete Mammagoff is expected to be marked with plenty of scientific grappling. "The evening's entertainment should be the best so far this year," Promoter Causey said. "The tag-team match will be rough, from start to finish, and the other will offer plenty of grappling on the brainy and scientific type."

Anticipating an early sellout, tickets will go on sale at the Orton hotel desk early this afternoon, the promoter said.

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