



By Eddie Ash

THAT YOUNG AL SMITH LEGEND
JOE LOUIS PICKS ROUND NO. 4

OFFICIALS of the New York Giants are busy denying the baseball legend that Pitcher Al Smith, southpaw, was recommended to the late John McGraw by a mysterious bootlegger who opened bottles with his left hand. . . . It is explained that Al was picked up in St. Louis on the recommendation of a friend of the Giants.

The bootlegger angle crept in because Mac signed the player without ever seeing him throw a ball. . . . At any rate, young Smith is doing all right.

Van Lingle Mungo, the pitcher who went A. W. O. L. on the Brooklyn Dodgers, was sent into a rage by the remarks of Umpire Pfirman. . . . Mungo thought he was getting an unfair shake from the ump. . . . During one of their debates in the last game Van pitched at Pittsburgh, Mungo charged Pfirman with being incompetent and the guesse is alleged to have retorted, "Well, I'm not as bad as your ball club."

JOE LOUIS says he'll flatten the pretzel pounder, Max Schmeling, in the fourth heat next Thursday. . . . Evidently the Brown Bomber wants to give the radio and movies a run for their money. . . . If the erstwhile Ferocious Frankfurter comes out for Round No. 3 this corner will be surprised.

It's the old story of the ring, one coming, the other going. . . . Louis is eight years the younger. Moreover, Schmeling has not fought since July, 1935, when the Spanish veteran, Paulino Uzcudin, held him to a draw. And Louis completely wrecked Paulino.

What comparatively little betting taking place on the Joe-Max clash is on the number of rounds it will last. . . . Louis' record is 23 knockouts in 27 starts.

Joe Di Maggio, rookie sensation with the Yankees, sends all favorable press clippings to his mother, who keeps his scrapbook. . . . Unfavorable comment is omitted. Anyway, his mom wouldn't paste it down.

In addition to the \$250 fine plastered on him and property damages he had to pay to the Brunswick Hotel, Boston, it is said Pitcher Johnny Allen of Cleveland may face a suit for hitting a waiter with a fire extinguisher. . . . Allen went haywire after losing a game.

Tee Time

BY HARRISON MILLER
Teeing Off for Paul Bezell

THE Indianapolis District links king should be both proud and satisfied with his second championship, but he's far from jubilant over his latest achievement.

"A few years ago I shot a 70 in the playoff and lost. Today I win with an 80. I like it the other way," said the diminutive, but veritable exponent of the putter, Max Buell of Greenfield, yesterday when he bunted his way to victory over Jim McGuire of Hillcrest in the final 18-hole medal match at Meridian Hills.

The final scores did not measure with the caliber of performance one expects in a championship contest. Th early point in the season or the close 54-hole test may account for the mediocre showing. The finalists were deadlocked in the scheduled rounds of play with 225s. McGuire yesterday lost control of his short irons and went down with an 82.

The match was decided on the greens, particularly the difficult thirteenth and fourteenth. Only two birdies were carded in the playoff.

The only other record which was conceded a chance of being broken was the quarter mile which turned up as the best race on the program. America's five best men at that distance are entered, and with the Palmer Stadium track lightning fast, big Ben Eastman's record of 46.4 seconds might be endangered.

O'Brien Favored

Winter shoving of Eddie O'Brien of Syracuse and his triumph in the I. C. 4-A. 400 meters this spring, make him the favorite. O'Brien set the world marks in the 500 yards and 600 meters during the winter.

Glen Hardin is not expected to be pushed hard enough in the 400-meter hurdles to exert himself trying to better his own mark of 50.6. Lined up against him were Tom Moore, University of California; Robert Osgood of Michigan, and John Irwin of Princeton.

The big battle in the high jump will be between two Californians, Walter Marty of Fresno and Connie Johnson, Negro sophomore of Compton Junior College. Marty holds the world record of six feet 9 1/2 inches.

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