

# SPORTS...

## By Eddie Ash

WALTER O. BRIGGS SR., president of the Detroit Tigers, was named the No. 1 man of baseball for 1940 by the Sporting News, national baseball weekly, it was announced today.

William B. McKechnie, manager of the National league champion Cincinnati Reds, was named the outstanding manager of the year, and Bob Feller, pitching ace of the Cleveland Indians, the outstanding player.

Briggs was cited for his generosity in maintaining high salary standards for his players, for business acumen, for the building of Briggs Stadium, for his sportsmanship in accepting the decision of Commissioner K. M. Landis which deprived his organization of players and because he refused to support abolition of the non-playing rule for an American League championship club.

McKechnie was named outstanding manager because of his part in piloting two winning All-Star teams—in the spring and in the summer—in addition to the pennant winning Reds. . . . McKechnie was also the first manager to win a World Series with teams in different cities—Cincinnati and the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Feller earned his award by virtue of his all-around pitching performance which included opening the season with a no-hit, no-run game, continuing through the season with a one-hitter, a no-hitter, three three-hitters and two four-hitters. He had the most strikeouts—261—for the third successive year. He had the lowest earned run average, 2.62; most games won, 27; pitched the most innings, 43 partially and 31 complete; the most innings, 230, and four shut-outs.

### Kansas City Lands Two Awards

H. ROY HAMEY, secretary of the Kansas City Blues, was named leading executive of the minor leagues. Larry Gilbert of the Nashville Vols, was named the outstanding minor league manager. Philip Rizzuto, Kansas City shortstop now with the New York Yankees, won the award for the outstanding minor league player for his batting, fielding and base-running.

In making public the selections, Taylor Spink, publisher of the Sporting News, points out that there's a ring of familiarity in one name. . . . Yes, you've guessed it. . . . Bill McKechnie was named the No. 1 major league pitcher in 1937, when he tossed the Boston Red Sox. He is the third man to gain the No. 1 honors on two occasions.

Others to rate the distinction twice are Joe McCarthy, as manager of the Yankees, and Johnny Vander Meer, as pitcher in the minors and the National League.

### McKechnie's Mastery at Handling Teams

McKECHNIE'S MASTERY at handling teams, particularly his ability to get the most out of pitchers, was topped off last season by a remarkable total of one-run victories, which went beyond all doubt his ability to outdo his rival in the day's battle in the diamond.

Spink's choice as the No. 1 major league executive, W. O. Briggs Sr., is a man who prefers to work behind the scenes and let results speak for him. . . . Nevertheless, not a move is made in the operation of the Motor City club without his approval. . . . He makes all the decisions, selects the players and fixes their salaries. . . . Not a pass to a game can be issued without his approval. . . . Practically all the trades and purchases made by the Tigers since he took over complete control of the club during the winter of 1936, have originated with Briggs.

### Believes Dissension Reduced Feller's Glory

EDITOR SPINK points out that Bob Feller's mound performance was all the more remarkable because the Cleveland club was torn by dissension in midseason, and adds, "There are few who could deny that, except for the trouble between the players and their manager, Feller would have pitched the Tribe to the pennant, and that isn't meant to take anything away from the Tigers, who indeed are first in the race."

Spink's expert opinion is that but for the fight within their organization, the Cleveland Indians would have had the championship tossed away before that September series in which Feller pitched the Bengals to the clinching victory, right in Cleveland.

### In the Minors, H. Roy Hamey

IN THE MINORS, H. Roy Hamey was chosen as No. 1 executive for his work in attracting record attendances to games in Kansas City, the Blues enjoying profitable gates the last three years, with Hamey's hand recognized in the attracting of the crowds.

Phil Rizzuto's praises as a shortstop and he is expected to prove his experience and ability as a shortstop when he tries out in the spring with the Yankees at St. Petersburg, Fla.

The little fellow was named the American Association's "most valuable" player for the 1940 season by a vote of the league's sports writers.

## New Year's Resolutions On Order—Served By McLemore

By HENRY MCLEMORE  
PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 1.—When a man has a little strength of character as I have he is foolish to make New Year's resolutions. I have tried it in the past and always managed to break them before the horns and whistles stopped blowing. But I know that lots of folks do have the will to keep resolutions and I am going to list a few suggestions for others.

My Readers—To quit using up energy writing McLemore mean letters and direct my efforts toward some worthwhile cause such as the development of a \$100 counterfeiter bill that can't be detected, the passing of legislation which would prohibit the use of age in cooking and the selection of All-America football teams.

Tommy Harmon—To remember once every twenty-four hours that silence is golden, even if everyone except Minnesota does agree that the best bowling score reported on New Year's Eve. Carlin had games of 235, 247 and 218.

Joe Louis—To keep on behaving the way I have, even if a quiet, modest fellow who knocks out any opponent named or named isn't the American ideal of a heavyweight champion.

Del Baker—To pitch Dizzy Trout more during the regular season and less during the World Series.

Go! Stars—To play a little faster. No one yet has ever willingly paid money to watch a golfer take five minutes to line up a putt. If the boys don't improve the P. G. A. soon will have to include a box lunch and a sleeping bag with each ticket of admission.

Wrestlers—To quit the business and buy a jimmy and a pair of sneakers and get into a more honest game.

Henry Armstrong—To quit fighting before my last one is a benefit. United States Lawn Tennis Association—To hold the women's

### Bowling

A 700 series by Lee Carlin in the Allied Printing Trades League at the Pennsylvania Alleys was the best bowling score reported on New Year's Eve. Carlin had games of 235, 247 and 218.

F. White rolled a 609 in the same league, the only circuit in action.

## Strikes to Spare

By FREDIE FISCHER  
World All-Events Champion

ATTEMPTING to bring down spares in the middle and slightly to the right, the bowler should come up to the foul line from a position somewhat to the left of the strike approach.

If the spares are in the middle, he should face the foul line squarely; if they are to the right, he should face slightly in that direction.

In aiming for the 5-9 setup, movement to the left cuts down the distance between the pins, increases chances of converting a spare. A hook ball coming from the strike position is like bringing down the 5 pin but curve to the left too far to topple the 9 pin.

The 2-4-5 is another setup often missed because it looks so easy. It may be converted by striking the 2 pin full on, so that the ball will also carry through to bring down the 4 and 5, or by having the ball brush the 2 pin on the right side and bring down the other pins.

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# Gridiron Goliaths Greeted by Bulging Bowls

## Frenzied Fans Match Pitch Of Players

### Power, Speed Stressed In New Year's Shows

By UNITED PRESS

Post-season football reached its peak today on the Bowl fronts and dispatches from the several scenes of operations read alike—huge crowds and record gate receipts.

The Southeast, the South, the Southwest and Far West, and not to be sneezed at, the Hula Hula Bowl in Honolulu.

Pasadena drew top billing, since that is the spot where this Bowl business originated and where undefeated and untied Stanford's Indians battled Nebraska's Cornhuskers.

The Huskers lost one game in 1940 and carried Midwest hopes against the Pacific Coast champs. Grid observers in the Midwest and East thought well of Nebraska's chances today because it's the loss was to all-powerful Minnesota, king of the Western Conference, and by the narrow margin of two touchdowns to one.

Huskers' supporters also placed heavy importance on their team's power and speed were stressed by the several adversaries in the New Year's Day collegiate shows and the frenzied fans worked themselves into a pitch that matched the spirit of the warriors. Colorful bands added to the spectacle everywhere and there was no shortage of entertainment for the paying customers.

### Undefeated, Untied

Two undefeated and untied eleven collied in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans, strictly a struggle between the South and the North. Tennessee Vols vs. Boston College Eagles. A year ago today the Vols played in the Rose Bowl and lost to Southern California.

In the Cotton Bowl at Dallas today Texas A-M played as the home team against Fordham of New York. The Aggies dropped one game in 1940, the Rams one. Texas upset the Farmers and St. Mary's of California edged Fordham in a thriller that caught the experts looking out the window.

Down in Miami where it was reported the Orange Bowl was bulging at the seams with frenzied fans and winter tourists, undefeated (tied once) Mississippi State squared off against Georgetown University, the Washington, D. C. powerhouse.

### Lost By One Point

Georgetown toured the regular 1940 season by collecting eight scalps against one setback, that is 19-18 dingdong spectacle by Boston College, on the Beantowners' gridiron.

In the Shrine Bowl, Kezar Stadium, San Francisco, the East and West clashed in an All-Star game in which All-America seniors were on parade. Hosiote Tom Harmon of the University of Michigan, No. 1 player of 1940, was the individual attraction and a sellout attendance was reported.

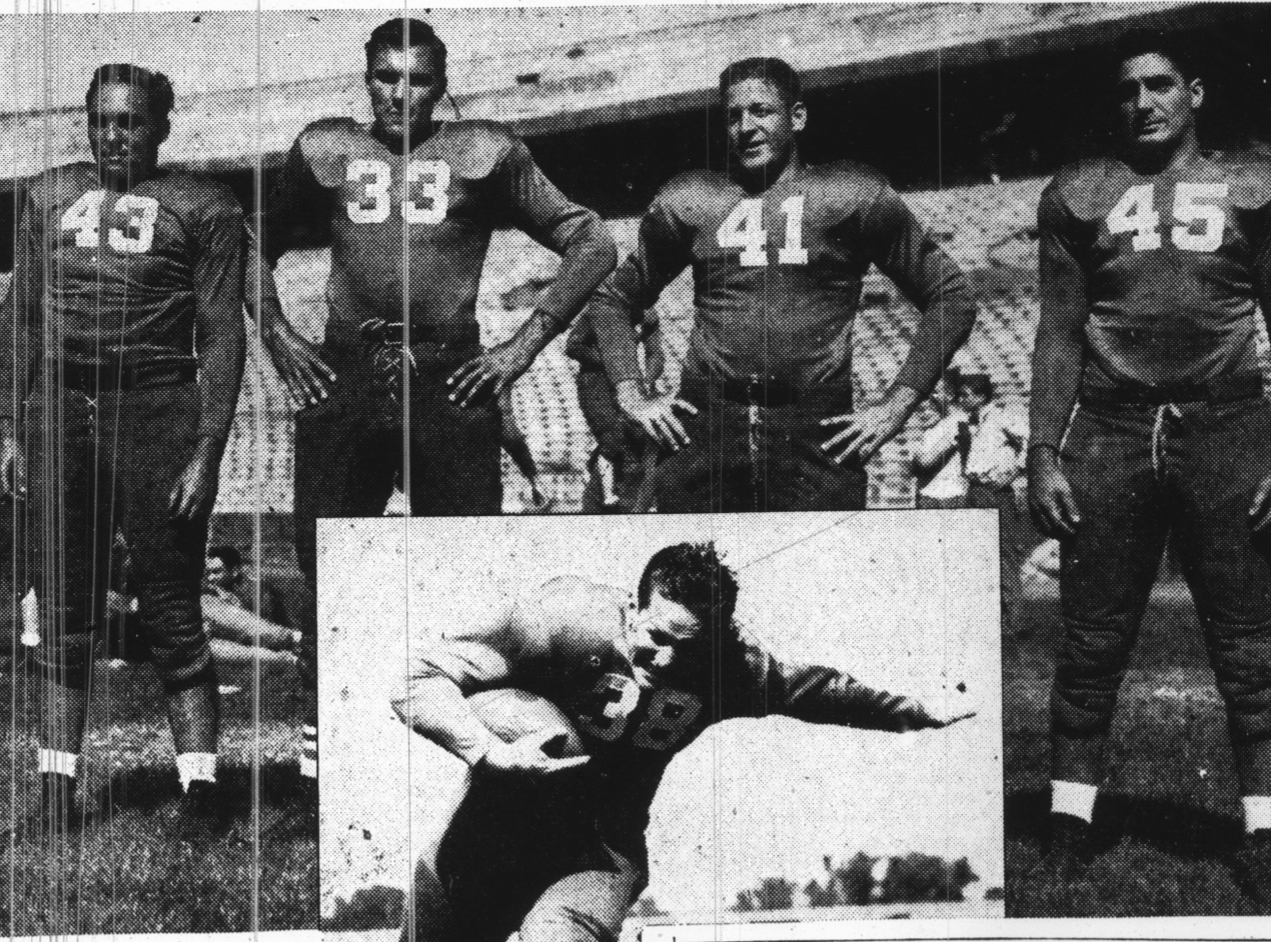
In the minor grid shows today Tempe Teachers of Arizona State played host to Western Reserve of Cleveland at El Paso, San Bowl; University of Hawaii met Fresno State at Honolulu, Pineapple Bowl; and in a Negro classic, the Bienville, Ala., Steel Bowl, Morris Brown (Atlanta), stepped Wilberforce University of Ohio.

The Rose Bowl weather forecast was clear and cool. At New Orleans the playing field was reported firm and the weather threatening. There was a definite threat of rain at Dallas and Cotton Bowl fans feared they were in for a drenching. Cloudy weather prevailed at El Paso and Miami.

There was no change in betting odds, but Pacific Coast dispatches indicated Nebraska supporters had plenty of fresh money and were driving down the odds. Texas Ags ruled a slight favorite over Fordham's speedy Rams and the Sugar and Orange Bowl battles were rated tossups.

Odds on the East-West game at San Francisco dwindled when the Eastern All-Stars were described as listless in their last practice. At least, their final workout was unimpressive.

## They Fight for the Glory of Midwestern Football



## On the Air

Broadcasts of the bowl games today and the names of the men who will do the play-by-play accounts:

### SUGAR BOWL—NBC Blue Network

Starting at 1 p. m. (Indianapolis Time). Port Pearson, on WLS.

### ROSE BOWL—NBC Blue Network

Starting at 4 p. m. (Indianapolis Time). Bill Stern. WENR from 4 to 6:30.

### COTTON BOWL—Mutual Broadcasting System

Starting at 1 p. m. (Indianapolis Time). Bob Eison. Starts at 1 p. m. on WIBC.

### ORANGE BOWL—Columbia Broadcasting System

Starting at 12:45 p. m. (Indianapolis Time). Ted Husing. Starts at 1 p. m. on WFBR.

### EAST-WEST GAME—Mutual Broadcasting System

Starting at 3:45 p. m. (Indianapolis Time). Ernie Smith.

## Sign to Fight For Conn Title

CLEVELAND, Jan. 1 (U. P.).—Mello Bettina of Beacon, N. Y., ranked by the National Boxing Association as No. 1 light heavyweight, and Anton Christoforidis, Greek boxer, were signed today for a 15-round championship bout under the N. B. A.'s sanction in the Cleveland Arena Jan. 13.

The fight will decide the successor to the title recently vacated by Billy Conn.

The N. B. A. stipulated that the winner of the fight must meet Gus Lesnevich of New Jersey within 60 days.

The title bout was arranged after a meeting of Joe Triner, president of the N. B. A.; Dr. J. E. Barnes, chairman of the Association of Ohio Boxing Commissions; Lew Burston, Christoforidis' manager, and Jimmy Grippa, Bettina's manager.

"Billy Conn having vacated his light heavyweight championship," Triner announced, "The N. B. A. declared a tournament between the leading contenders, Bettina, Christoforidis and Lesnevich were free to enter the tournament."

The Bettina-Christoforidis winner will be recognized as the light heavyweight champion by the N. B. A., but the articles of the fight must state that the champion agrees to meet Lesnevich within 60 days after the fight and the terms must be on an equal basis."

### Knickerbocker Goes To Chisox in Trade

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (U. P.).—The New York Yankees have traded infielder Billy Knickerbocker to the Chicago White Sox for catcher Ken Sylvestri. No cash was involved.

Knickerbocker, a utility man, got into 44 games last season and batted .242. Sylvestri, a young player with considerable power at the plate, played in 28 games and hit .250.

## Detroit U. Uses Plenty of Subs

DETROIT, Jan. 1 (NEA).—Gus Dorais and Lloyd Brazil, football and basketball coaches at the University of Detroit, both believe in substitution of alternate full teams for best results.

This season Brazil moved up last year's entire alternate quintet to the starting line. In early games, his two teams scored about equally.

Both Dorais and Brazil favor the two-team system because it keeps players fresher.

## Amateurs

Medora Melodiers, victors over Hope, Columbus and Bedford, are seeking games with strong teams, preferably on a home-and-home basis. Write Bill Phillips, Medora.

The R. C. Colas are participating in an eight-team tournament at Taylorsville, Ind., today. They will play the Rocklane, Ind., Allisons at 8 p. m. tomorrow. Other Pennsy tournament games tomorrow night are: Morton X vs. N. E. Community Center, 7 o'clock; and Kay Jewelry vs. Corner Cafe at 9 o'clock.

The Mormon Meteors will practice tomorrow night at 7:30 p. m. at the church. Those requested to be on hand are A. Callahan, G. Callahan, Ed Deisch, Taylor, Corya, Liggett, Robinson, Suits, McCreager, King and Morris.

## Finland Is Favored For 1944 Olympics

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (U. P.).—Avery Brundage, president of the American Olympic Committee, has recommended that London, picked as the site of the 1944 Olympics games, relinquish its rights to stage the games in favor of Finland if and when the next games are held, it was revealed today.

Helinki was to have been the site of the 1940 games which were cancelled because of the Russian-Finnish War. National Olympic Committees still are functioning and the Olympic Games will be resumed as soon as the present war is over.

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Ward	Ward
Triffin	Triffin
Griffin	Griffin
McDowell	McDowell
Alison	Alison
More	More
Dess	Dess
Johnson	Johnson
Chase	Chase
Tullis	Tullis

### ROSE BOWL

Nebraska	Stanford
Freelon	Freelon
Kahler	Kahler
Shirley	Shirley
Molinski	Molinski
Alfman	Alfman
Suffridge	Suffridge
Cifers	Cifers
Henke	Henke
Prochaska	Prochaska
Petich	Petich
Hop	Hop
Luther	Luther
Francis	Francis

### SUGAR BOWL

Tennessee	Boston College
Shirley	Shirley
Molinski	Molinski
Alfman	Alfman
Suffridge	Suffridge
Cifers	Cifers
Henke	Henke
Prochaska	Prochaska
Petich	Petich
Hop	Hop
Luther	Luther
Francis	Francis

### COTTON BOWL

Texas A. & M.	Fordham
Pannell	Pannell
Bennett	Bennett
Vaughn	Vaughn
Rout	Rout
Demmy	Demmy
Pugh	Pugh
Thomson	Thomson
Kimbrough	Kimbrough

## Yanks to Play Reds 2 Games

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (U. P.).—The New York Yankees will play 19 games against National League opponents this spring, according to a 35-game exhibition schedule announced today.

The schedule, which lists 21 games to be played in Florida and 14 in 10 other states on the return trip to New York, sends the Yankees to the Brooklyn Dodgers 10 times, against the St. Louis Cardinals seven times and against the Cincinnati Reds twice. Minor league opponents make up the remaining games.

After breaking camp at St. Petersburg, Fla., on March 27, the Yankees will make stopovers at Montgomery, Ala.; New Orleans; Houston; San Antonio and Dallas; Texas; Oklahoma City and Tulsa; Okla.; Little Rock, Ark.; Memphis, Tenn.; Atlanta; Roanoke, Va.; Baltimore, Md.; and Wilmington, Del.

The tour will conclude with three exhibition games against the Dodgers at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn.

## Hockey Capitals At Philadelphia

The hockey Capitals meet Philadelphia there this evening in the first of a two-game road series before returning home Sunday evening to take on the Phillies again.

After this evening's encounter Manager Herbie Lewis will move his Hoosiers into Hershey for two days of practice before their Saturday night game.

The acquisition of Doug McCaig, defenseman and the transfer of Joe Fisher to Detroit has caused Lewis to juggle the Capital lineup. McCaig will team with Behling on defense, while the forward lines will be Thomson-Douglas-Wilder, H. Killea-Jennings-K. Killea and Brown-McDonald-Keating.

## Irish Cagers Tumble When Cats Splurge

### Northwestern Rallies Second Half

By UNITED PRESS

The Notre Dame basketball team faded in the stretch last night in bowing to Northwestern, 46 to 36, at the Wildcats' gym.

The Purple, holding a slight 22-to-19 lead at the half, drove irresistibly in the second period to outdistance the Irish.

A significant factor in the Northwestern victory was the holding of Ed Riska, high-scoring Notre Dame forward, to one point in the second half. He topped Irish scorers, however, with 11 points. Hasse paced Northwestern with 12 points.

The defeat was Notre Dame's third in four clashes with Big Ten foes. Previously the South Benders fell to Wisconsin and Illinois and defeated Michigan.

In the only other Hoosier college cage game last night Washburn edged Centenary of Shreveport, La. its third straight loss since invading Hoosier camps. The Little Giants pulled away in the final period to win, 49 to 34.

The Evansville Aces, who have a habit of scoring about 80 points a game, try their luck against Ohio University at Evansville tonight and DePauw plays James Millikin in Illinois.

### BOX SCORES

Northwestern (46)				Notre Dame (36)			
FG	FT	PP	PF	FG	FT	PP	PF
Hasse, f.	3	2	3	Riska, f.	1	2	1
Clason, f.	3	2	3	Boehs, f.	1	2	1
Welsh, f.	0	0	0	Ward, f.	0	0	0
Seder, f.	1	2	1	McGinnis, f.	0	0	0
Esler, f.	1	0	0	Quinn, f.	0	0	0
Clawson, f.	0	0	0	Butler, f.	0	0	0
McGinnis, f.	1	0	0	Gerahy, f.	0	0	0
Bulmer, f.	0	0	0	Smith, f.	0	0	0
Wendling, f.	0	0	0	Ryan, f.	0	0	0
Del Zoppo, f.	0	0	0	Leahy, f.	0	0	0
Creely, f.	1	0	0	Creely, f.	1	0	0
Totals	17	12	10	Totals	11	14	15

### Half-Time Score — Northwestern, 22; Notre Dame, 19.

### Washburn (49)

FG	FT	PP	PF
Klein, f.	3	2	3
Greve, f.	1	0	0
Keller, f.	2	2	2
Ingram, f.	1	0	0
Ransom, f.	0	0	0
Malcher, f.	0	0	0
Smith, f.	0	0	0
Berry, f.	0	0	0
Woodrow, f.	0	0	0
Totals	20	9	13

### Score at Half—Washburn, 19; Centenary, 16.

## Cage Scores

### STATE COLLEGE

Northwestern, 46; Notre Dame, 36. Washburn, 49; Centenary, 16.

### OTHER COLLEGES

Wisconsin, 52; Princeton, 40. Duquesne, 41; Santa Clara, 40. Georgia Tech, 44; South Carolina, 38. Michigan, 37; Wake Forest, 36. Virginia Tech, 38. New York City College, 41; Geneva College, 35. Iowa State, 45; Drake, 36. Illinois, 40; Marquette, 32. HIGH SCHOOLS

Richmond, 37; Connersville, 17. Montone, 35; Akron, 25. Hazleton, 37; Franciscan, 25. Patoka, 30; Mt. Olympia, 30. Hazleton, 35; Patoka, 30 (final). Mt. Olympia, 33; Franciscan, 25 (consolation). Rochester Invitational

Rochester, 44; Peru, 30. Washburn, 49; Centenary, 16. Peru, 41; Napoleon, 25 (consolation). Rochester, 29; Washburn, 16 (final).

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