

SPORTS...

By Eddie Ash

KEEPING PACE with the American Bowling Congress tournament buildup by perusing material contributed by the A. B. C. News Service. ... Containing interesting highlights on the role of the unknown who pops up now and then to thrill the spectators and startle the veterans at the championship tenpin events.

Four bowlers have won a world's title in their first A. B. C. tournament. ... More than 100,000 fans will watch the A. B. C. at St. Paul March 13 through May 5. ... They will pick their favorites and root for them, but just as soon as some unheralded pin toppler strings up a flock of strikes the gallery gods will forget their partisan friendships and will move over to watch the phenomenon.

Such a thing happened in 1923 when a slender young man, wearing horn-rimmed glasses, pulled the eyes of hundreds of spectators to his alleys. ... He was Carl Baumgartner of Cincinnati, an unknown bowler in his first A. B. C.

He opened his singles with 238 and 209 but he didn't get much of a tumble until he began to string up a stretch of 3's on the score-board in his final game. ... He piled up 11 strikes for a 277 finisher and a 724 total and first place, barely nosing out William Larson of Racine, Wis., and George Neuman of Milwaukee, who each had compiled 716 scores. ... His first A. B. C. tournament and a champion!

It happened again in 1934 when Jerry Vidro of Grand Rapids, Mich., put together games of 243 and 277 for a 520 start. ... The gallery rocked the building as he opened his final game and delivered a 201 and a 721 total. ... A second world's championship to a darkhorse bowler.

In 1936 Charles Warren of Springfield, Ill., became the third man to join this select circle. ... A boyish appearing youngster, he pounded out 735 in his first singles event of the American Bowling Congress. ... He was just "one of the boys" when he opened with Four-In-A-Row, spared and bounced back with seven more strikes in a row for 276. ... The spectators began to move over behind his alleys and he rewarded them with a 245 game, finishing with a 214 game.

Hoosier Makes Himself Known

THE PRESENT CHAMPION, Ray Brown of Terre Haute, was another unknown bowler who made good in his first A. B. C. tournament. ... A 34-year-old, two-year bowler with a 192 average, Brown was not a seasoned campaigner, although he was possessed of considerable natural ability.

He showed no great promise in his team event with a lowly 527 and the jibes of his team mates met him the next afternoon in the doubles and he was able to get only 494. ... Perhaps he decided to have the last word or mayhap the memory of what another Brown, Mordecai, old "Three-Fingers," his uncle, famous Chicago Cub pitcher of long ago, had done in spots like this drove him on.

YOUNG BROWN moved over a few alleys and started his singles event with four spares in a row. ... He finished off his first game with a cluster of five strikes for 231. ... Then the fans really got their thrill as he packed in eight in a row, spared in the ninth and got two more strikes for a 278 total. ... He rolled a 233 finisher for 742 and the world's single title. ... Another rookie had made good.

In the three games he bowled at an average of 247 pins. ... His average in his team and doubles event was a dismal 170. ... But courage, luck and good bowling added a fourth name to the list of men who became champions of the world on their first trip to the arena of tenpin combat.

Illinois Upsets Boilermakers And Awaits I. U.'s Champions

GAMES SATURDAY

Indiana at Illinois.

Northwestern at Ohio State.

Michigan at Purdue.

Iowa at Wisconsin.

By STEVE SNIDER

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CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—In 13 minutes

of whirlwind attack on the opening

night of the Big Ten basketball season,

an Illinois team that didn't

know its own strength changed the

entire complexion of the 1941 Con-

ference campaign.

Those minutes revealed Illinois

has the power to win the champion-

ship.

They further indicated that Pur-

due's defending champions are far

from the ball club that won the

title last winter with 10 victories

and two defeats.

The under-confident Illini com-

pletely demoralized Purdue last

night, rolling over the Boilermakers

before an overflow crowd, 49 to 34.

It started as a breeze for Purdue.

The champions led at halftime, 20

to 15, and still were ahead when the

storm struck with 13 minutes re-

maining.

Figures Tell Story

A rough idea of what happened

are the second half scoring figures:

Illinois 34, Purdue 14.

Hero of the Illinois victory was

Bob Richmond, conservative floor

guard hitherto not much as a scorer.

Richmond's spectacular floor play

and shooting produced 14 points for

him and aided sophomore Art

Mathisen in scoring 14 more. Prosty

Sprol, one of Purdue's heavy scor-

ers, also contributed 14 points but

his mate, Don Blanken, was held to

nine.

The Illinois boom may be short-

lived, for the Illini must meet Indi-

ana's national collegiate champion

at Champaign Saturday night and

the Hoosiers now rate as choice

number one for the Conference tie.

Summary:

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Golden Gloves Starts Jan. 17 at Fieldhouse

Cathedral Plots Blue Devils' Fall



Time out for skull practice is a daily occurrence at Cathedral High gym this week as the Irish prepare for their game with Shoreline Friday night. Coach Harmon is shown outlining a play. Kneeling at his right is James O'Neal. The others (left to right) are Alfred Oberfell, Kenneth Geiman, Ott Hurrie and Leo Barnhorst.

Brown Looms as Ohio State Choice

MASSILLON, O., Jan. 7 (U. P.).

—Paul Brown, since 1932 the

"Miracle Man" of Ohio scholastic

football, today ranked as the most

probable successor to Francis

Schmidt as head coach at Ohio

State University following a sur-

prise interview with Ohio State's

athletic director, L. W. St. John.

Brown's prospects, enhanced by

conferences with St. John at

Wooster, O., two weeks ago and in

New York during a coaches' meet-

ing, brightened even further when

he and three of his assistants met

with the Ohio State director most

of yesterday afternoon.

The Minor Leagues

Want Their Say

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 7 (U. P.).

—Although the minor leagues have

no desire to cast "any reflection" on

Judge K. M. Landis, present high

commissioner of organized baseball,

they will ask for a voice in choos-

ing the next commissioner, George

Trautman, president of the Ameri-

can Association, said today.

The minors' stand on the next

commissioner was the only develop-

ment issued from a meeting of 43

minor league baseball representa-

tives whose purpose was to draft

the minors' version of a new agree-

ment governing relations with the

major leagues. The present agree-

ment expires next year.

Mack and Boudreau

Stay in Tepee

CLEVELAND, Jan. 7 (U. P.).

—Ray Mack, second baseman of the

Cleveland Indians, revealed today

that both he and Lou Boudreau,

brilliant shortstop of the Keystone

combination, had signed their 1941

contracts before the close of last

season.

Mack refused to disclose the

terms of the contracts, but it was

expected that the two infielders re-

ceived substantial increases.

Ranger Takes 2d

In Scoring Race

MONTREAL, Jan. 7 (U. P.).

—A five-point drive during the past

week earned Phil Watson of the

New York Rangers into second

place in the National Hockey Le-

ague's individual scoring race, ac-

cording to statistics released today.

Watson scored four goals and

banded out one assist for a season

total of 23 points, four short of the

total checked up by Boston's Bill

Cowley.

Coach Won't Talk

CLEVELAND, Jan. 7 (U. P.).

—Bill Wadsworth, Western Uni-

versity, Sun Bowl football

game victors, returned from Mil-

waukee today where he reportedly

conferred with Marquette Uni-

versity officials regarding the coach-

ing post. Edwards declined to

make any comment.

Bulla Pockets a 35-Cent Ball

And \$3500 in First Triumph

By ED CONKLE

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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—Johnny

Bulla, who humbled the nation's

best golf pros with a 35-cent ball

today pocketed \$3500, winner's share

of the Los Angeles Open tourna-

ment's \$10,000 prize money. ...

The strapping Greensboro, N. C.,

boy who almost stayed at his Chi-

Former Indian Manager Dies

CHICAGO, Jan. 7 (U. P.).

—Funeral services will be held Thurs-

day for Charles T. O'Leary, who was a

professional baseball player almost

40 years. He died yesterday at a

hospital where he had been taken

for treatment of peritonitis.

He once was manager of the In-

dianapolis American Association

club.

O'Leary, 58, began his profes-

sional baseball career in 1900, when he

was called by the Chicago White

Sox from the team of a department

store. He later was sold to the Des

Moines, Iowa, club and after three

seasons there was a regular infielder

for the Detroit Tigers until 1909.

He filled several positions in the

minor leagues before he returned to

the majors as a coach for the Yan-

kees. He was released from the Yan-

kees when Joe McCarthy became

manager, and O'Leary then went to

the Chicago Cubs as a coach under

Rogers Hornsby.

Recently he had been employed

by the Chicago Sanitary District.

Roche Makes

A Third Try

Dorve Roche, 221, the former col-

lumnier from Illinois, swings into ac-

tion against Ray Villmer, 223, young

and rugged St. Louis matron, to

top tonight's grappling bill at the

Armory.

In two previous engagements dur-

ing the last year, Roche dropped a

pair of closely contested tussles to

Villmer and the Illinois performer

is set to cut loose with everything

he has in an effort to halt his rival.

Villmer has shown here 14 times

in two seasons and has been beaten

only by Ray Steele, heavyweight

champion.

In the semi-windup, Buddy Knox,

180, Cleveland, squares off against

"Lord" Lansdowne, 179, Barrington,

England, while the 8:30 opener is

between Warren Bookwinkle, 225,

New York, and Irish Jack Kennedy,

226, Dallas, Tex.

Schedule for Em-Roe Tuesday

Night League:

7:30—Frischeyer vs. Christman.

7:45—Frischeyer vs. Union Trust.

8:00—Clement Christian vs. 24 Friends.

Schedule for Em-Roe Wednesday

Church League:

7:30—Frischeyer vs. Christman.

7:45—Frischeyer vs. Union Trust.

8:00—Clement Christian vs. 24 Friends.

Schedule for Bush-Fezle Tuesday

League:

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Schedule for Bush-Fezle Thursday

League:

7:30—Frischeyer vs. Christman.

7:45—Frischeyer vs. Union Trust.

8:00—Clement Christian vs. 24 Friends.

Schedule for Bush-Fezle Friday

League:

7:30—Frischeyer vs. Christman.

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