

National Net Committee Alters Three-Second Circle Rule

'I'll Be at Race If I Have to Come on Roller Skates'



Still bed-ridden and destined to be there for some weeks, Captain Eddie V. Rickenbacker, president of the Indianapolis Speedway, promises T. E. "Pop" Myers, general manager of the track, that "I'll be at the race if I have to come on roller skates." Rickenbacker is recuperating from an airline accident in the Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta, Ga.

SPORTS...

By Joe Williams

Hogan Takes Golf Money

NEW YORK, March 31. (UPI)—Putting one little word after another and whatever became of John Nance Garner? Mr. Larry MacPhail may not realize it but the Cards think they slipped him a joker in Mickey Owen. Bob Jones tells us his weakness as a golfer was not with the long irons but the short ones. . . . "I never had complete confidence in the mashie niblick," he reveals.

Eddie Mahan of Harvard fame is directing athletics at Jacksonville's naval air base. "We are putting together a fine baseball team and by fall, when our organization facilities are improved, we ought to have a football team capable of playing any outfit in the country, college, pros or otherwise."

HERE'S HOW GEORGE WEISS, head Yankee agriculturist, picks the two big league races: American: New York, Cleveland, Boston, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Washington and Philadelphia; National: Cincinnati, St. Louis, Brooklyn, New York, Boston, Pittsburgh, Chicago and Philadelphia. The presses will pause briefly while we raise our eyebrows in surprise at the selection of the Cubs for seventh place in the National. Apparently Mr. Weiss doesn't share in the general pre-season enthusiasm for Lou No'koff, coast fence buster, who is known as the Mad Russian.

COLLIER'S HAS APOLOGIZED to the University of Alabama for misrepresentations which appeared in a blasting football article penned by one William Bradford Huie. In effect, the magazine concedes that Mr. Huie dealt mainly in hoey. An interesting point in the university's rebuttal was the fact that Mr. Huie, who posed as the brains behind a football factory, was only 13 years old at the time he was supposedly moulding All-American material. We can appreciate and understand the magazine's embarrassment but it had to come sooner or later, if not to Collier's, then to some other national magazine. That's the type of football copy the magazines seem to like best. Any piece that touches a match to the pants of college football touches the heart of a magazine editor. Perhaps some good will come out of the Huie hoax. Maybe, as a novelty, the magazines will start publishing pieces having to do with the beneficial effects of college football. There must be one or two at least.

Amateurs

Strong state team is needed to compete Em-Roe State League. Write or contact Everett Babb, 209 W. Washington St.

Baseball

Em-Roe Suburban League meeting will be held Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at 209 W. Washington St. Managers of teams interested are requested to attend or phone Everett Babb, LI. 3446.

Hockey Record

CHAMPAIGN, March 31 (NEA)—Norbert Sterle of Eveleth, Minn., center on the University of Illinois hockey team, scored 65 points in 21 matches to set a national collegiate record.

Washington Senators Have No Designs on Pennant

By GEORGE KIRKSEY

United Press Staff Correspondent
ORLANDO, Fla., March 31.—It took just 10 minutes in the dugout with Bucky Harris, the one-time "boy manager," to find out that the Washington Senators have no designs on the American League pennant.

Bucky still can smile when he talks about his ball club, but behind the cheerful exterior there beats a sad heart. He needs a lot of everything, including pitching, hitting, catching and new blood.

For the last four years Washington gradually disintegrated, dropping a few points each year and falling into seventh place last season. In the days when Harris was the "boy manager" and the toast of Washington, he brought a club from fourth place to the pennant in one season.

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The outfield looks better defensively, with Ben Chapman from the Indians in left, Doc Cramer from the Red Sox in center and speedster Sam West in right.

In the morning round of the 36-hole final, Lawson Little picked up nine strokes on Hogan and led 210-215, at the end of 54 holes. He shot a 66 to Hogan's 75.

Hogan started whittling on Little's lead early in the final 18 with birdies on the first and third holes and kept up a hot pace to blaze past Little. He finished two strokes ahead of the National Open champion. Little collected \$750.

Lloyd Mangrum of Chicago finished third with 289 which was good for \$550 while Craig Wood of Mamaroneck, N. Y., wound up fourth with 290 to win \$450.

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Brightest spot is the pitching staff. Dutch Leonard, Sid Hudson and Ken Chase round out a respectable starting trio. Beyond them Harris is up a tree. Walter Masterson, who showed signs of coming around last season, may get the No. 4 spot. Steve Sundin, who won 11 straight in 1939 but was able to cop only four games last season, was bought from the Yanks and is likely to see plenty of action. The veteran Danny MacPayden was signed as a free agent after being cut adrift by Pittsburgh. Alex Carrasco is left to fill in.

The three best looking youngsters are Jimmy Dean from Charlotte, (won 12, lost 13), Arnold Anderson from Springfield (won 12, lost 13), and Sam Cunningham, a southpaw from Greenville. Young Al Evans, a product of Joe Stripp's baseball school who was around all last season absorbing catching knowledge, has been promoted to the No. 1 catching job. Evans played in 14 games last year and hit .320. Rick Ferrell will be the No. 2 man and Jake Early will round out the staff.

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named the Pacific Coast League's most valuable player, has been a disappointment at bat, and so Jack Sanford, who hit .318 at Charlotte, and Jim Vernon, who hit .284 at Jersey City, are battling for the first base job.

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B'ars and Barons Play for Ice Trophy; Wings in Finals

American League Hockey Playoffs
By UNITED PRESS

Having defeated the Pittsburgh Hornets in the best out of three semi-final series, the Hershey Bears will open a five-game series with Cleveland tomorrow night for the American Hockey League championship.

Hershey won the third and final game of the series Saturday night at Hershey, 3-1, marking its second victory.

Cleveland will entertain the Hershey contingent tomorrow and Thursday and will travel to Hershey for the third game next Saturday.

The standings:

The Detroit Red Wings won their way into the final Stanley Cup play-offs with a 5-4 overtime victory over the Chicago Black Hawks last night. The Wings will meet the winner of the Boston-Toronto semi-final.

The winning goal came after 9:15 of overtime. "Sudden death" period. Gump Giesebrecht scored with Syl Apps and Mac Bruneau getting the assists. Giesebrecht picked up the puck to the left of the Hawks' goal and slammed home the shot that settled the series.

Winner of the five-game play-off

will take possession of the Frank Calder trophy. Cleveland won its way into the finals by defeating Providence three out of four games in a five-game match.

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