

# 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 airplane accident in the Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta, Ga.

## Fan-Shaped Backboards Are Recommended

Basketball Group Seeks Standardization

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 31 (U. P.).—Modification of the three-second rule to give more liberty on offense will be the principal change in basketball regulations next year, the National Basketball Rules Committee of the United States and Canada decided today.

The committee, in a 14½-hour session, considered many changes, but made only a few, and they were minor.

H. V. Porter of Chicago, secretary, said coaches throughout the country were agreed on the need for standardization of equipment. The committee went on record as favoring replacement of the old rectangular backboards with fan-shaped boards, and standardization of the molded type basketball.

The three-second rule was changed to permit an offensive player with the ball to operate without restriction in the outer half of the free throw circle, behind the free throw line. However, if a man possesses the ball for longer than three seconds in the area from the free throw line to the end line, the ball still is to be awarded to the opponent out of bounds.

New Substitution Rule

Other principal changes provide for substituting of players at any time the ball is dead, including the time after a field goal is scored, and surrender of the ball immediately to the nearest official by any player guilty of a rules infraction. Previously, the offending player was required to surrender the ball only in case of a double dribble.

The session was attended by representatives of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the National Federation of High School Athletic Associations, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Coaches' Association and the Canadian Rules Organization.

The committee heard suggestions made by the Coaches' Association at its meeting in New York last week, but none was adopted.

Floyd Rowe of the board of education, Cleveland, O., was re-elected chairman; J. W. St. Clair of Southern Methodist University at Dallas was named vice chairman and Porter was re-elected secretary. J. Jamison Swartz of the University of Pennsylvania remains as treasurer and Oswald Tower of Andover Academy, Andover, Mass., kept his job as editor of the rules publication.

## Hand Me My Wig and Robe, Says McLeMore As He Sits on Bulla vs. Guldahl Case

By HENRY McLEMORE  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
AUGUSTA, Ga., March 31—Hand me down my wig and robe, son, I am going to sit in judgment on Johnny Bulla and Ralph Guldahl.

They're a-fudging, you know. It started in Asheville when Bulla quit the Land of the Sky Open golf tournament rather than finish a round with Guldahl. "Too slow," said Bulla. "Much too slow. I'd rather never win a tournament than play with Guldahl."

Let us consider the case. Guldahl is slow, there can be no doubt of that. He wiggles, he waggles, he squirms and he jiggles before making a shot off the tee. He is deliberate to the point of exasperation on the fairway, and when he reaches the green he studies a putt as if it were a strange animal, washed up on the shore from some mythical land.

I have heard it said that a jar of molasses—given a pair of knickers and set of clubs—could beat Ralph around a course,

even in freezing weather. I have also heard it said that one of the reasons he has to study a putt so long is that the grass grows and changes in length between the time he addresses the ball and finally taps it toward the hole.

But don't let us overlook this fact. Guldahl's name is written twice on the United States National Open cup. That is the blue ribbon of golf, the open, and to win it just once is the goal of every man who swings a club for pay. Bulla's name is not on that cup. One must wonder if Bulla would adopt a more leisurely pace around the course if he knew deliberation on every shot would write it on the big silver mug.

But a judge must study both sides of the argument, and Bulla has one, whether he has won a National Open or not. Guldahl—I am sure he does not do it with malice aforethought—is unfair to many of his fellow professionals when he plays so slowly. The average professional golfer is much faster than Guldahl. He makes his shot and moves along,

Too, the average professional is a high strung creature.

More often than not he is making every shot in the hope of paying the rents, buying baby a new bib, and the missus a new frock. To be paired with Guldahl really does something to their nerves. It hurts their game and what hurts their game hurts their livelihood. Bulla is not the first to object to Guldahl's slowness. He is the first to make an open break with Ralph, but this reporter has heard a score of pros grumble about being paired with him.

My summation: Bulla was tactless and rude in making his break with Guldahl so obvious.

Guldahl could be more considerate. He could play a bit faster without hurting his game. In my opinion a man who knows enough about golf to hit the ball as well as Ralph does, gains nothing from a five minute study of every lie, every roll. He could reduce this study by two minutes and be just as efficient.

Here boy, take my robe and wig. I'm finished, and next time bring me a wig that doesn't have a cowlick.

## Devil Dog



Sergeant Bob Kenaston, the Marine who was here for the first time two weeks ago and made the biggest hit of any newcomer of the last several seasons, tackles Buck Weaver, Terre Haute, in the wrestling headlines tomorrow night at the Armory. Buck has captured his last six Army tussles and asked to take on the "Devil Dog" of the grappling world. It promises to be a "natural" of the first order and will be for one fall, or 90 minutes.

## Indians Still Need Pitching

Acquisition of Aleno And Mack Helps

By EDDIE ASH

BARTOW, Fla., March 31.—Player deals completed over the week-end by General Manager Leo Miller of the Indianapolis Indians created a cheerful atmosphere in their spring training camp, and to some extent lightened the grief of the club chiefs in their frantic search for new talent.

However, the number one problem is yet to be solved—the pitching department—and after taking time out to catch their breath the Tribe directors will begin a new hunt for hurlers who bear the earmarks of class double A workmen.

Acquisition of third baseman Chuck Aleno and first baseman Joe Mack from the Cincinnati Reds rounded out the Tribe's starting infield with Bennie Zientara at second and Van Harrington at shortstop.

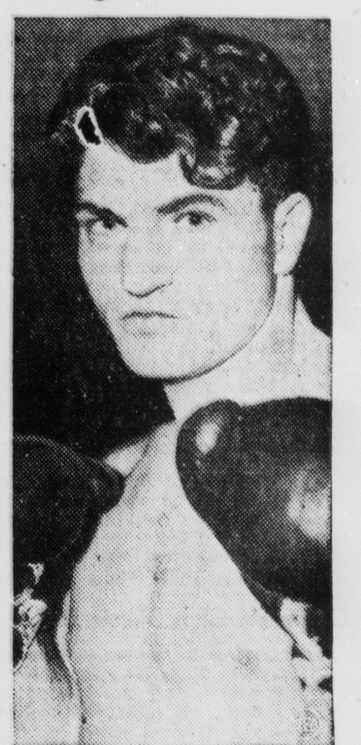
Aleno was obtained on option and Mack was purchased. The former is rated as a fixture but the latter falls into the problem class although he will get the chance to play a regular first base for Indianapolis. The Indians used me in the outfield and at first base last year and I think the shifting about threw me off my stride.

"It was just a bad year for me and I know I'll deliver this season," said Mack. "At any rate I'm tickled over the chance to play a regular first base for Indianapolis. The Indians used me in the outfield and at first base last year and I think the shifting about threw me off my stride."

All baseball observers in the Grape Fruit League think Aleno will be a fixture at third base. He had a brilliant 1940 season at Birmingham and is long on size, accustomed as they are to lightweight at the hot corner, Indianapolis fans will receive a pleasant surprise when they gaze upon Aleno. He stands six feet one-inch, weighs 190 pounds and is 23 years old, February born.

Although Manager Killefer is skeptical about Harrington in the (Continued on Page 11)

## Fights Maxie



Lou Nova will be out to shatter a record Friday night when he fights Max Baer. Butterfly Butcher Boy Baer has never been beaten twice by an opponent.

## 3-Year Leader

HANOVER, March 31 (NEA).—Gus Broberg of Dartmouth College is the first player to lead the Ivy League in basketball scoring for three consecutive years.

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## SPORTS...

By Joe Williams

NEW YORK, March 31.—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 Norick, 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 hokey. 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-America 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 complete 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.

The Indianapolis Kautsky baseball club of the Indiana and Ohio League is organizing for the coming year and wishes to hear from players with ability. Write E. R. Morrison, 941 E. Morgan Drive, Indianapolis, Ind.

## Hogan Takes Golf Money

By Joe Williams

ASHEVILLE, N. C., March 31 (U. P.).—First money of \$1200 in the Land of the Sky Open golf tournament for the second consecutive year boosted Ben Hogan's money-winning streak to 45 consecutive tournaments today and put him far in front of the rest of the professionals in the dollar division.

Hogan, who won the Land of the Sky Open with a thrilling stretch drive yesterday, recorded a two under par 69 in the last round for an aggregate of 284.

In the morning round of the 36-hole finals, 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.

Little started whittling on Hogan'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.

## Public Links Men Elect

The Indianapolis Public Links Association will hold their second meeting of the year April 25 at Pleasant Run to discuss the progress of plans for the coming season.

Kenneth Hoy was re-elected president of the organization at the first meeting Saturday night, where three committees were appointed to handle major undertaking and plans for competition and organization.

Brooks Secret was named vice-president, John Niblack, secretary, and Charles Wisniewski, treasurer. George Peterson was appointed chairman of the committee which will have charge of the Amateur Championships of the city, including the annual tournament program.

Walter Chapman, Roy Sparrow, J. N. McDaniel, Secret and Lee Rawlings will assist Peterson. The five presidents of clubs in the municipal group were named to comprise the committee to co-operate with the Park Board in arranging for the official opening of the courses. They are McDaniel of Sarah Shank, Sparrow of Pleasant Run, Rawlings of Riverside, Earl Bilsky of Coffin and Clayton Nichols, who took over the South Grove presidency when Bob Crouch joined the naval reserves.

George Elliot was appointed chairman of the committee in charge of making preparations for sending a local team to the annual national public links tournament. Peterson, Sparrow, Wisniewski, Merle, Calvert, Niblack, Nichols and George Bender will aid him.

## Shamrocks Take C. Y. O. Tourney

The Holy Cross Shamrocks held the C. Y. O. senior basketball championship today, having defeated a team from the same parish, the Holy Cross Crusaders, 22 to 17, at the Sacred Heart High School gymnasium last night.

The Shamrocks started badly but staged a 10-point rally in the closing quarter to gain the victory. Bud Coffin captured scoring honors for the Shamrocks with 13 points while John Kasper led the losers with nine points.

St. Philip defeated Cathedral, 17 to 13, in the consolation game.

## 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. Getting his present outfit out of seventh place will be a considerably tougher job.

So hard up for power are the Senators that Harris has had to install Third Baseman Buddy Lewis in the cleanup spot. In five years in the big show Lewis never has driven in more than 91 runs in a season. A bachelor, Lewis may be drafted this summer.

## Leonard Looks Best

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 late last season, may get the No. 4 spot. Steve Sundra, 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 MacFayden was signed as a free agent after being out of the lineup for a long time. Alex Carrouquel 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 Street'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.

First baseman George Archie, drafted from Seattle, where he was

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.

Jim Bloodworth will play second with occasional help from veteran Buddy Myer. Cecil Travis is back on short, with Buddy Lewis at third. Jimmy Pofahl's arm looks better this spring but his only chance to break into the infield is for Lewis to be called to the colors.

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.

## Leo Lions Win Catholic Meet

CHICAGO, March 31 (U. P.).—The Leo Lions added the National Catholic Prep basketball championship to their Chicago Catholic League title after defeating a fast Sioux Indian team from St. Francis Mission, S. D., in an overtime final, 49 to 41.

The Indian team had held the lead through the first half and tied the score four times in the final period but were held scoreless in the overtime period. It was the first overtime period game in the history of the 18-year-old competition.

Messner of Milwaukee scored eight points in the last two minutes of play to win third place by defeating Central Catholic of Ft. Wayne, Ind., 1939 and 1940 champions, 44 to 38. Spalding Institute, Peoria, Ill., won the consolation title by beating Aquinas, La Crosse, Wis., 42 to 37.

Bill O'Brien, forward of the St. Simon Stock New York City, team, was chosen the outstanding player of the five-day tournament and received the Loyola University Monogram trophy.

## A Busy Boy

PROVIDENCE, March 31 (NEA).—Ernie Savignano, 1941 Brown University football captain, tries out for the baseball squad early in the afternoon and then jumps into gridiron togs for spring practice.

## 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 contenders tomorrow and Thursday and will travel to Hershey for the third game next Saturday. Winner of the five-game playoff 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.

National League Hockey Playoffs

By UNITED PRESS

The Detroit Red Wings won their way into the final Stanley Cup playoffs with a 2-1 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 the overtime "sudden death" period. Gus Giesebrecht scored with Syd Howe and Mud Brunetteau getting the assists. Giesebrecht picked up the puck out of a tangle a few feet to the left of the Hawks' goal and slammed home the shot that settled the series.

The standings:

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