



SPORTS...

By Eddie Ash

BEFORE spring training time rolls around big league club clubs are going to be shorn of a lot of talent. ... Uncle Sam didn't scratch the surface last summer when only two top-flight players were drafted—Hank Greenberg of the Tigers and Pitcher Hugh Mulcahy of the Phillies.

Now the situation is serious and the ball player toll to the armed forces is sure to make a big difference in club rosters.

The 20-44 draft covers player ages 100 per cent, although many of the pastimers will be deferred on account of dependents. ... However, there will be enough players to go around by calling back some veterans who thought they were out of the majors forever.

The slogan is "Keep 'Em Playing" in both majors and minors and that's what the club owners intend to do. ... get along the best they can by preparing others to fill the shoes of the boys who are called to the colors.

In 1917 both majors and minors completed their seasons but in 1918 the minors cut off in July and the majors in early September. ... The "Work or Fight" order was in effect during the first World War and the Government ruled that baseball was not "work."

This time there is no indication that the Government will clamp down on professional baseball but will encourage it instead, without granting special draft deferment to players.

Sunday Ball Attendance Expected to Increase

IT'S TOO EARLY to speculate on the rubber shortage and its effect on attendance at sports events. ... The guess is that sports goers will conserve tires by taking in big events and skipping the minor.

Last Sunday's hockey match here drew more than 6000 paid, one of the largest crowds of the season at the Coliseum ice rink. ... Come spring and summer, attendance at Sunday ball games is expected to increase as motorists remain in town instead of taking long week-end drives over the State or driving to Cincinnati or Chicago to watch the big leagues.

The bulk of the Kentucky Derby crowd drives to Louisville and the 1942 horse classic is sure to feel the pinch, especially in the general admission attendance.

Harness Horsemen Assemble in Indianapolis

HARNESS HORSEMEN and fair secretaries and other officials connected with trotting and pacing were to meet here this afternoon at the Lincoln Hotel in conjunction with the annual Indiana Fair Managers' convention, today and tomorrow, to thresh out plans, dates and other problems for 1942, and to elect a District 2 director of the United States Trotting Association.

Leo C. McNamara, Indianapolis sportsman and breeder, is expected to seek re-election for the district composed of Indiana and Michigan, after being appointed a director at the formation of the U. S. T. A. two years ago.

ONE OF THE MAIN topics the horsemen are talking about with fair men is the rubber situation. ... Fair managers are worrying about attendance this summer. ... Practically everyone who attends fairs comes in an auto. ... Fair men are wondering how much fair transportation will be cut down due to the rubber edit.

L. V. Hawk, Morristown, Ind., presides at the local meeting. ... Hawk is president of the Indiana Trotting and Pacing Club, Inc., Association and former owner of Eddie D. 2:03 1/2, the 1941 season's fastest 2-year-old pacer in a race.

GRAND CIRCUIT stewards are to assemble in Indianapolis Saturday to assign meetings and dates for the 1942 big-time harness race season.

The Indianapolis Grand Circuit race meet is held annually during the Indiana State Fair in September.

Baer's in Shape, but That 2d Time With Joe Louis Is Awful

By JACK GUENTHER

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NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—For more than a month the smiling hulk Buddy Baer has been jogging the roads, belting the bags and swapping blows with his sparring mates—but all this work represents just so much wasted effort.

For regardless of Buddy's condition, Joe Louis will knock him out in the sixteenth minute of fighting Friday night.

This isn't a prediction, an approximation or a guess. It's a factual conclusion any small girl can reach without delving into the mysteries of numerology, astrology or enee-meene-minee-moe. ... To verify it you need merely turn to page 45 of Nat Fleischer's ring record book, where all pertinent data is plainly listed.

Under the name of Joe Louis are listed the records of the 56 assassinations in which the honey-colored world champion has engaged since he left the Ford Motor Co. with a pair of Golden Gloves in quest of the Golden Fleece. The records read somewhat in the manner of a casualty list and they don't offer room for much debate.

With the aid of a little simple arithmetic I find that in defeating 55 of those 56 men and being defeated by the other Joe Louis has needed only 841 minutes of fighting time. Unless my long division is immoderately inaccurate, this means that the former cotton picker has banged out the boys in a few seconds more than five rounds, or 16 minutes apiece.

Dice Are Cocked

This in itself may mean much or little. The baby Baer himself broke par by some four minutes the last time he walked into the champ's fist primed to avenge his family's honor. But in so doing he cocked the dice against himself. Only five men have fought Louis twice and, like Buddy, each made an excellent showing. But when they came back for a second helping of thunder and lightning—man, it was murder.

Here is the roll call on these disasters. The five skeptical souls who couldn't be convinced in one examination were Bob Pastor, Natie Brown, Lee Ramage, Arturo Godoy and Max Schmeling. The first four stuck around for 10, 10, 8 and 15 rounds, respectively, and only one, Ramage, was knocked out. Schmeling needed 12 rounds to hand Louis his only defeat, so the five of them together lasted 55 rounds, for an average of 11.

But on their return trips, the boys didn't cut such fancy figures. Joe apparently had found the range the first time and remembered it with a tenacity that could put many an elephant to shame. Reading from right to left, Ramage was rocked

Lefty Bob Logan Comes Home to Indians

Hoosiers Get Revenge Over Wisconsin as Purdue Holds Michigan to 18 Little Points

Boilermakers Sweep to 36-18 Win for Second Big Ten Victory; I. U. Back in Conference Race

Saturday night: Indiana at Minnesota and Ohio State at Purdue. Monday night: Purdue at Indiana—drop those Big Ten rankings and run.

By BOB FLEETWOOD
Revenge and a ranking belong to Indiana University today.

They are back in the Big Ten race and Wisconsin, the last year champs who snuffed out Hoosier title hopes at the last minute, has been ridden into the cellar class. The score at Bloomington last night was Indiana, 36; Wisconsin, 18.

Initiating a zone defense that bottled up the famed dribble and drop shots of Johnny Kotz, the Hoosiers gained the lead late in the first half and held it the rest of the way. Indiana now shows a one and one standing in the Big Ten race. The Badgers have lost two straight.

Standings

Team	Won	Lost	Pts.	Opp. Pts.
Purdue	2	0	100	37
Northwestern	2	0	99	78
Iowa	2	0	93	73
Illinois	1	0	55	40
Minnesota	1	1	94	81
Indiana	1	1	78	84
Ohio State	0	1	42	56
Chicago	0	2	58	117
Michigan	0	2	52	76
Wisconsin	0	2	74	93

The Hoosier zone defense, not used in their Northwestern defeat, floated and swung with experience. Unable to penetrate with any degree of effectiveness the Badgers closed in too sharply and Indiana started to run and throw.

Miss Englund

Kotz played a good floor game and turned in 13 points but there can't always be a Gene Englund on the pivot like last year.

Ed Denton's one handers paced the Hoosiers with 8 points while the slender farm boy, Capt. Andy Zimmer, sparked the Hurrying Hoosiers off the backboard. But the "Eye" man is John Logan. The former Richmond High star seems to have eyes all over his head. His premium passing was perfect.

Logan started the evening's point getting with a foul shot but Ed Scheiwe, destined for 14 points, hit a long for a Badger lead. Wisconsin maintained their lead until the half was closing when the Hoosiers started to race horse.

Kotz, often working alone, was holding the Badgers together while Denton's pivot turns made the Branch McCracken men tick. The half found Indiana ahead, 17 to 14, as Zimmer spun a long, Warren Lewis a one-handed one and Denton one-handed two in the last minute.

Bleat in the Second Period

Indiana was firing 'em up to start the second period. Zimmer, under full stride, took a neat pass from Denton and Swanson, fast breaking with Lewis added another. Warren came back with a long before the Badgers could get out of their holes.

With a 24 to 15 lead the Hoosiers let up a while as the two squads matched baskets. Scheiwe did most of the Badger matching, as Zimmer's rebound play tied Kotz in knots. Wisconsin was climbing as the game ended but Indiana had the situation well in hand.

The say-it-with-numbers man reports that Indiana shot 58 times and hit 16 baskets while Wisconsin got 13 out of 61. The Hoosiers could only snag half of a dozen fouls while the Badgers hit eight of their 12.

Summary:

INDIANA (38)				WISCONSIN (34)			
	Fr	F	P†		Fr	F	P†
Logan, f. . .	1	4	1	Kotr, f. . .	5	3	2
Hamilton, f. 2	0	0	0	Epperson, f. 0	0	0	0
Denton, c. 4	0	0	0	Scott, c. . .	0	0	1
Zimmer, f. 0	0	0	0	Wright, f. . .	0	0	0
Witbraker, c. 0	2	2	0	Alwin, . . .	2	2	0
Swanson, f. 3	0	0	0	Schrage, c. .	0	1	0
Lewis, f. . .	2	0	0	Unbeiser, f. 0	0	0	0
Driver, c. . .	1	0	2	Sullivan, f. .	0	0	0
				Roth, . . .	0	0	0
Totals . . . 16 6 9				Totals . . . 13 8 12			
Score half: Indiana, 17; Wisconsin, 15.							

16 Officials: Referee, Lyle Giarro (Chicago); Umpire, Joe Reig, (Northwestern).