



Says Joe Williams

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The murky mists of Mars scarcely sharpen the vision of the forecaster as he peers intently into the immediate future of the Sports World.

For example, who could foresee a year ago the drastic effect the opening roar of the guns would have on sports along the Pacific Coast? It would have been considered fantastic to suggest the startling operations which have followed, such as the cancellation of the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap and the removal of the famous Rose Bowl game to a small inland city in the Deep South.

But those things did happen and similar things on a reduced scale are still happening, so the annual task of compiling the Future Book of Sports takes on an added note of futility. Who can even say for sure just how much of our customary sports program is to be maintained? Until you have some word on that it is almost silly to attempt to predict who will be the champions of 1942.

Most of our prize fighters will be in the services along with a sizeable number of our baseballers and footballers. Perhaps it will be deemed advisable in the interest of civic morale to permit some of the stars to return from time to time. We are told such a plan is under consideration in the case of Joe Louis but the champion, sensitive to public opinion, may decide that once formally in the service he will want to forget his ring career.

Mediocre Champions

THE SITUATION being what it is, there is a probability we shall have a number of new champions this year—and that most of them will be on the mediocre side.

The best amateur in golf today is Bud Ward and he is already in the service. He will know no more golf until the Axis tyranny is shattered. His experience will be the same as that of Porky Oliver. The last time we saw the professional star he told us he hadn't had a golf stick in his hands for months.

Our Washington sources advise there is no tendency on the part of the Government to curtail sports amateur or professional.

All sports where admission is charged will undoubtedly be asked to make contributions to the conduct of the war. In this connection we wonder if it wouldn't be good judgment to set up a sports dictator, say a man like Big Jim Farley, to co-ordinate and correlate the various and widespread activities with respect to their responsibilities.

Military Background

THE ARMY—and presumably all the other arms of the service—has no intention of eliminating competitive sports. On the contrary "highly specialized teams" are to be encouraged. This is significant in that it indicates inter-camp competitions on a big scale and very likely competitions with non-service groups.

But who'll be the champions of 1942 we wouldn't know. Personally, we don't care a great deal either.

Butler Continues State Title Defense Tomorrow

Faces Wabash in Second Tilt; Beat Franklin, 50-40, in First

Their heavy holiday schedule over and with a season mark of five victories and four losses, the Butler Bulldogs will face Wabash, their second Indiana Conference foe, tomorrow night at the Butler Field House.

In the season's opener the Bulldogs of Coach Tony Hinkle defeated Franklin by a 50-to-40 count for their initial circuit victory. They will be out to defend their conference crown against the Little Giants.

Thus far this season the Little Giants have split in six games, winning over Lawrence College, Oakland City and Ohio Wesleyan and losing to Purdue, Indiana and Franklin.



Woody Norris... Butler star.

Nine returning lettermen, including the five starters of last year, give the Wabash team an experienced squad.

Coach Dale D. Davis is directing the Little Giants for the first year. Davis came to Wabash to replace Herman Berns who was called into Army service.

The new coach is a Wabash graduate, class of 1936, and before returning to Crawfordsville he was head coach at Thorntown High School.

There are no seniors on the squad and the new mentor operates a two-team system which is made up of last year's regulars and this season's recruits.

The mainstays of the team are Ray Greve and Earl Dowd at forwards. Carl Kelley at center, Ralph Hesler and John Ingram are at the guards. Hesler is a former Shortridge ace.

The squad is not exceptionally tall although the starters average around 6 feet. The team average is slightly under that mark.

The Little Giants race on fast breaks, like Butler.

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Kautsky's Try For 2d Place

The Indianapolis Kautsky's, local National Professional League basketball club, have two games this weekend to bring their league record to better than their present third place.

In second place is the Ft. Wayne Zollner team, with five wins and two losses. They play Oshkosh tonight at Ft. Wayne and at Oshkosh Saturday.

The Kautsky's, with six wins and four losses, play at Akron Saturday and at Toledo Sunday. By winning both games, the Kautsky's can go into second place if Ft. Wayne loses both, or tie for second if the Zollners split.

Meanwhile Jewell Young, Kautsky ace, has lost his point leadership to Chuck Chukovits of the Toledo White Cheviets. Young, playing in 10 games, has 44 fielders and 29 free throws for 117 points. Chukovitz, in seven games, has gained 45 field goals and 41 free throws for 131 points.

Standings:

	W	L	P	Op.
Oshkosh	5	0	225	288
Ft. Wayne	5	2	141	411
Goodyear (Akron)	5	3	282	341
Toledo	4	2	172	326
Shelbyville	3	2	222	267
Chicago	1	7	330	354

Tennis As Usual

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Eastern Lawn Tennis Association officials say that, although there may be a ball shortage, all established tournaments will be played next season.

Conquers the Crippler



Seven years ago this little miss Paralysis and the Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday, which raises funds for the polio fight.

Albert in Picture HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Jan. 6.—Frankie Albert, All-America quarterback, signed to star in a football picture, "The Spirit of Stanford." Production starts in April.

Power Grapplers Clash at Armory

Wild Bill Longson of New York and George (K. O.) Koverly of California, two heavyweights who boast of their powerhouses tactics, clash in the feature on Hercules A. C. mat card tonight at the Armory.

Koverly was here last week and was disqualified for using the strangle hold against Dorve Roche. Longson has been here four times, sailing through to victories in three engagements and being disqualified in another. They meet for two falls out of three.

A special semi-windup will find Andy Rascher in "big time" when he meets Louis Thesz of St. Louis. They also are heavy and grip for one fall. Rascher is from Cedar Lake, Ind., and will be facing a former champ in Thesz.

The 8:30 opener is between Tony Ross, Little Rock, Ark., and Ali Pasha, India.

Cowboy Cager

CANYON, Tex., Jan. 6.—Jack Maddox, West Texas State basketball player, is a cowboy during the summer.

Gloves Tickets

The tenth annual Times-Leon Golden Gloves amateur boxing tournament is to be held at Butler Fieldhouse Jan. 16, 23, Feb. 5. Competition will be in two classes—Open (experienced) and Novice (beginners).

The weight divisions are flyweight, bantamweight, featherweight, lightweight, welterweight, middleweight, light heavyweight and heavyweight.

Reserved seat tickets are on sale at the Sportsman's Store, 126 N. Pennsylvania St., and at the Bush-Feetle Sporting Goods Co., 138 E. Washington St. The price is \$1.10.

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