



SPORTS...

By Eddie Ash

SPORTS GOERS packed the National Guard Armory last night and they got a good run for their money as the professional boxers and wrestlers did their chores for the benefit of the Infantile Paralysis Fund. . . . Paid attendance was \$109.

Matchmaker and Promoter Lloyd Carter of the Hercules A. C. put together evenly matched adversaries in both boxing and grappling and took a bow for the crowd at the request of Harry Geisel, American League umpire who served as master of ceremonies.

Later, the MC was bounced out of his ringside chair as a grunt and groan beef trust "rassler" flopped over the ropes into the first row ringside right at the spot where Umpire Geisel was parked.

The State Athletic Commission announced that the gross gate was \$2693.70 and the net gate \$227.54. . . . The sum to be donated to the Paralysis Fund is to be announced later.

In the main go boxing contest, an eight-rounder between Lou Thomas, Indianapolis, and Red Bruce, Pittsburgh, heavyweights, there was a difference of opinion between the judges and many of the fans. . . . Thomas got the unanimous decision of the judges but part of the huge crowd booed until the rafters shook.

It was the consensus of the ringsiders that Bruce's early lead entitled him to no worse than a draw. . . . But it was an interesting bout for heavyweights who are not classed as haymaker artists.

Bruce Jolts Thomas in Opening Heat

THOMAS WAS WARY in the first round and Bruce nailed him with a couple of jolting punches that were felt in Lou's corner. . . . The Indianapolis heavy threw a few himself in the second and belted Bruce in the midsection. . . . The big fellows continued to mix freely and in the fourth they both turned on additional steam and roughed it up to the delight of the customers.

Thomas trailed going into the sixth and he set out to catch up by smashing the Pittsburgher's nose and mouth. . . . Bruce lost a lot of blood in this canto and Lou had him holding on in the seventh.

In the eighth and last round the heavies let go with both gloves and treated the fans to a stirring finish.

IN ANOTHER fistie battle Bud Cotty, Indianapolis junior lightweight, got the judges' verdict over Cleveland Brown, Hamilton, O., in six rounds. . . . It was a corking fight and easily could have been called a draw with no protest from the fans.

The little fellows stood toe to toe and blazed away almost from the opening bell to the windup. . . . Brown proved a worthy foe with his longer reach and always had something to hand back after stopping a punch.

Cotty, like Brown, was out to score a knockout, and both barely missed accomplishing that very thing on more than one occasion. . . . Two judges voted for Cotty, the other for Brown.

In the opening boxing event, Bud Kelly, Cincinnati, won the decision over Joe Yee Kong, Indianapolis, six rounds. . . . They are featherweights. . . . Two judges voted for Kelly, the other for Kong. . . . It was that close. . . . The referee did not participate in rendering decisions.

Thom Defeats the Colorful Landsdowne

THE MAIN GO wrestling match had more than wrestling. . . . The colorful "Lord" Landsdowne of Springfield, O., lost to Billy Thom, Indiana University mat coach, but furnished the showstopper stuff. . . . He was accompanied by two "valets" who acted like trained seals and the crowd liked the showmanship.

Their match was scheduled for two best falls in three, one hour time limit, and they wrestled the full hour with only one fall, Thom getting it in 38 minutes with a cradle hold.

The men didn't grunt and groan like the average grappler but they were tricky and were still pawing and clinching well after midnight when the program ended.

Billy and the "Lord" wrestled both in and out of the ring and at times Referee Burris was caught in their clutches and made to share the "suffering."

AM RASCHER, Cedar Lake, Ind., downed Tom Zaharias, Pueblo, Colo., in the first mat struggle in 19 minutes. . . . The match was limited to one fall, 30 minutes, and Rascher pleased the customers by taking care of the growling Zaharias ahead of schedule.

Zaharias filled the role of "meanie" and defied Rascher to do something about it. . . . Tom is at his best when the crowd is on his neck and it was that way last night. . . . until the Hoosier banged him to the canvas for "keeps."

Morale Officers Map Plans To Increase Army Sports

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 28 (U. P.).—How the Army feels about sports, even during war, was evidenced today by the announcement that Southern Army posts would not only continue athletics this spring but actually step up such activities.

Morale officers in eight southeastern states began mapping plans this week for an intensified sports program in Army posts—more basketball, softball, baseball and spring football.

Morale officers of the fourth corps area warned that the thousands of young men in Southern Army posts may have a "morale slump." They explained that with the first excitement of war over, and the overseas conflicts boiling down to an everyday business, morale among troops here may decline. Young soldiers, itching to get into battle but not able to do so as yet, may become discouraged at the inactivity. And that's where sports are going to step in.

This week notice has gone out to Army posts: "Give them basketball as well as guns, and a couple of hours of football may prove as important as that much drilling."

Receiving Funds
Morale officers reported that funds are being received from the War Department for the purchase of sports supplies. Now being opened are a large number of field houses, each costing \$77,000, in which a couple of basketball games, a half dozen wrestling matches and a 12-bout boxing card can be held simultaneously. Morale officers will contact civilian teams for basketball, baseball and football games.

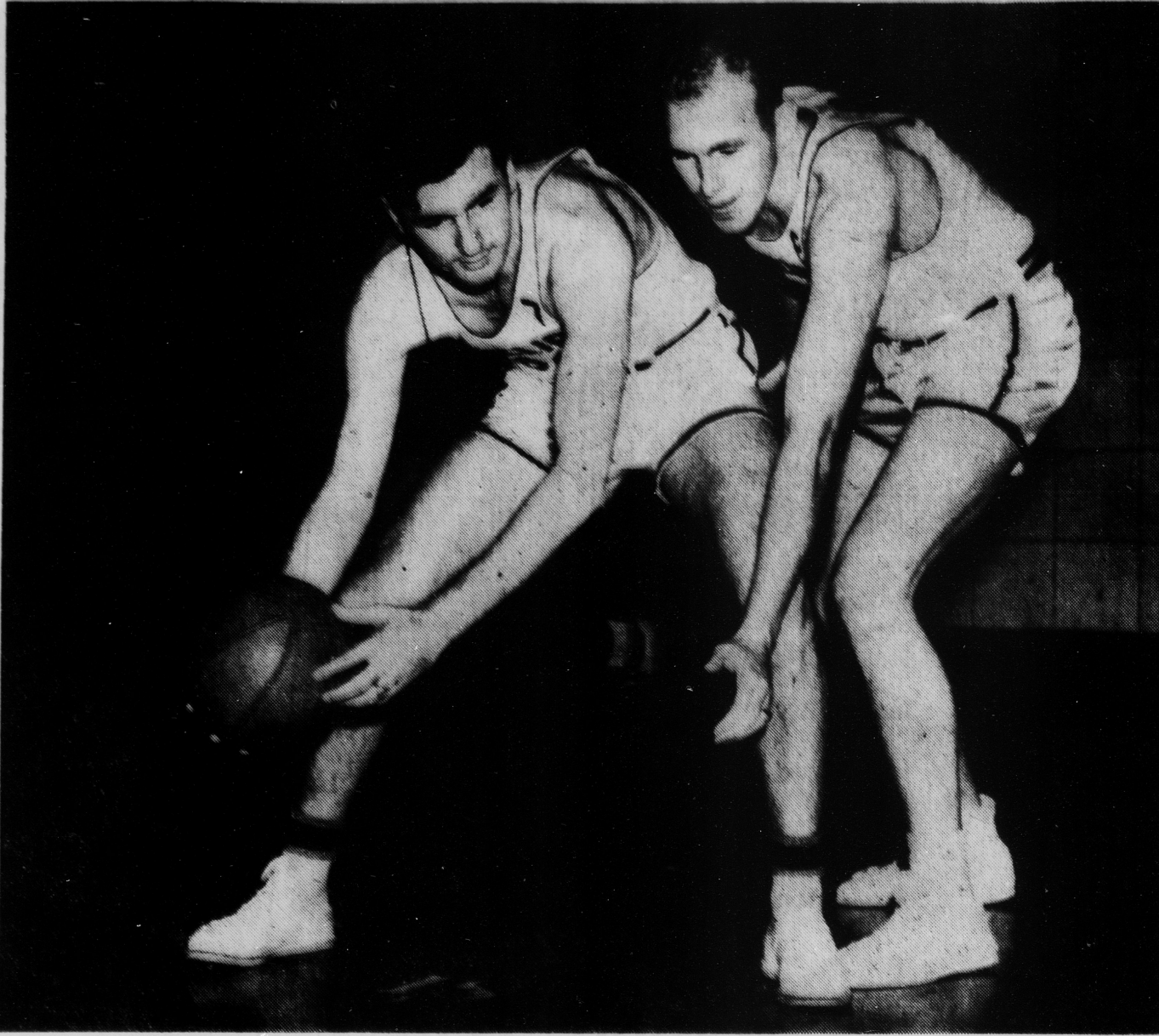
Many colleges will have "B" teams or depleted freshmen football squads this fall which will make up the bulk of their schedule with service teams. Even now a large number of Army-collegiate cage games are being played.

Take for example the sports layout at one southern camp, Ft. Jackson. This post has two dozen baseball diamonds, a mammoth new field house, four football and baseball fields and over \$50,000 worth of sports equipment, such as gloves and balls. Not only will the Army try to keep civilian sports activities humming, they are going to step up their spring sports schedule to a new high.

Morale officers here said that due to the Southern weather with an

'Orange Juice and Sunshine'—Boxing Evils?

Pro Cagers Get Together Tomorrow Night



Hank Luisetti (left) and Swede Anderson are All-Americans on the Phillips 66 basketball team.

'Rookie Beat Us'—Crawley

By UNITED PRESS

With state leadership fixed for many fans, but still a mighty big question mark to many others, Hoosier quintets say "here we go again" and rush back to the wars this week for at least 40 significant battles.

Murmurs of doubt seeped through the state grapevine regarding the superiority of Evansville Central. No dispute marred their brilliant climb to the top of the state heap, but because of the blow-torch heat of the deciding Washington and Horace Mann games, the Central triumphs lacked that necessary finality.

The Bears are on top by all fair records. But Horace Mann and Washington, as well as a handful of others, keep a few teeth in the hardwood pie.

Duggins Did It

Mark Wakefield's Central boys have been juggling wins and losses around like odd change for the past few weeks, first racking up 11 victories, then turning nine of them back to the original victims by the forfeit route. Next the Bears retrieved a game from Tell City, who overstepped a ruling and made a return forfeit.

The Central-Washington-Horace Mann triangle was summed up today by quotes from two coaches and a P. S. from Gary fans:

Marion Crawley (Washington coach), "Central had a fine team. It was Rookie Arthur Duggins who beat us."

Mark Wakefield (Central coach), "Washington had a fine team. That is the first time Duggins has hit this year."

Gary fans: "P. S. Central had a fine team. Duggins hit against us, too, probably for the second time this year."

Ripple, Howe Win City Frosh Tilts

Broad Ripple and Howe freshman basketball teams scored intra-city high school victories yesterday.

It was the season's seventh triumph for Ripple as the Rockets defeated Cathedral, 21 to 18, yesterday at Broad Ripple. Ralph Chapman paced the winners with 10 points.

Howe freshmen gave Tech its first defeat of the season, 31 to 25 on the latter's home floor. Tech previously had won nine straight games.

Rubens Wins No. 3

Harry Rubens defeated Harry Cooler, 50 to 44, in a state three-cushion billiard tournament match at Cooler's parlor yesterday afternoon. The match went 96 innings.

At one point of the match, Rubens held a 16-point advantage before Cooler rallied. Rubens had three clusters of four and took high run honors with a five. Cooler's best string was three points.

Eats No Meat

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—Carter O'Rourke, De Paul basketball player, has not tasted meat in his 22 years.

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BLUE POINT DELAWARE

Kautsky's vs. House of David; Phillips 66 Meet Dual Temps

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In the first place, there's this David bunch, who wear their tresses long and make their shots good from all over the floor.

There's our own Kautsky's, members of the National Professional Basketball League, and playing creditable ball as new-comers.

Williams' Chair Will Be Empty

BOSTON, Jan. 28 (U. P.).—There will be an empty seat behind Ted Williams' place card at the Boston Baseball Writers' Annual Banquet tonight, and take it from General Manager Eddie Collins of the Red Sox there is no body big enough to fill the chair.

"The writers will miss Ted at the banquet," Collins said of his 406 slugger who stayed close to Princeton, Minn., today awaiting early induction into the Army. "but we're going to miss him a whole lot more at home plate when the season opens in April."

"Take a man like Williams out of the line-up, and any team is certain to suffer. But important as he is, we're not sorry to see him go where he is going. Ted will be working for a bigger cause than baseball in the Army. He'll be working for his country, and we wish him luck."

Williams, the first American League batter to break the 400 mark in years, was to have received the Jacob C. Morse Memorial Trophy emblematic of Boston's most valuable player award.

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Here's a New Way to Obtain Defense Stamps Next Summer

A new arrangement whereby softball fans may obtain Defense Savings Stamps has been announced by John Devney, Indianapolis commissioner in southern Indiana for the American Softball Association.

After Wednesday night, May 27, and on each successive Wednesday night, all softball fans will buy a 25-cent Defense Stamp at the gate for game admission.

Devney says that this plan can only be successful if all concerned will co-operate. He added that teams, umpires and park owners have been asked to co-operate by offering their services free that night.

A meeting has been called for Friday night at the Hoosier Athletic Club. Managers of Sunday School, independent and factory teams are urged to attend.

State leagues are being planned for Wednesday night competition. The first local teams to announce their co-operation are E. C. Atkins and Brosnan's Tavern.

Speedway Stadium of Indianapolis is the first park in the state to donate its facilities each Wednesday night.

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FT. WAYNE—The onrushing Chicago Bruins last night continued their victory march by defeating the Ft. Wayne Zollner Pistons for the second time in succession, 41 to 40.

NEW YORK—A new Eastern attendance record for basketball is expected tonight when West Texas State College, advertised as the tallest team in the world, meets Long Island U. in an inter-sectional contest at Madison Square Garden.

PITTSBURGH—The Pittsburgh Pirates announced today that Pitchers Aldon J. Wilkie and Nick Strincevich had signed their 1942 contracts.

NEW YORK—Tami Mauriello, clever young New York heavyweight, stopped the comeback campaign of Gunnar Barlund last night when he technically knocked out the Fighting Finn in the eighth round of a scheduled 10-round bout.

Two service teams, the Billings Hospital five and the Naval Armory quintet will play for the Infantile Paralysis Fund tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at the Central "Y."

A preliminary game between the Pepsi-Cola Victory Girls and the Blue Ribbon Dairy Bar team will begin at 7 p. m.

BASKETBALL

Tonight's schedule in the Bush-Peele Merchants Basketball League is: 7:30—J. D. Adams vs. Ind. Farm Bureau 8:30—Yonkers Hardware vs. Texas 9:30—El Lilly & Co. vs. L. S. Ayres & Co. 10:30—Pure Oil vs. DeGlover.

Results of the Tuesday Night League at the Central "Y" last night were: "Y" Musketeers, 38; "Y" Lincoln Chiropractor College, 46; "Y" Musketeers, 38; "Y" Lincoln Chiropractor College, 46; "Y" Musketeers, 38; "Y" Lincoln Chiropractor College, 46.

Allison Assemblers last night won the Em-Ron Independent Basketball League championship at St. Louis. During the season they won nine and lost one. Last night's results were: Allison Assemblers, 32; Central Motor Park, 30; Shoe Co., 40; Hoosier Veneer, 28; Rabb Tailoring, 42; S. S. Turner, 38.

The Signor Says Joe Louis Couldn't Hit Jack Johnson In 10 Years—We Wonder

Albertanti Is Veteran of 5000 Fights—Other Guys' Fights; Likes 'Em Mean

By JACK GUENTHER United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Francis Albertanti, the sparrow-sized signor who achieved lasting notoriety as press attache to the late Tex Rickard, has come home from a four-year exile in California and is shrilly denouncing orange juice and sunshine as evils preventing tough boys from growing up into mean prize fighters.

The signor, a boxing fiend for 40 years and the only man ever ridden out of Miami on a rail for refusing to shed his overcoat, is bitterly indignant and believes the downfall of America's fistie supremacy is imminent. Not once in his four years in California, he says, did he see two lads fight it out with beer bottles in an alley.

"Frightful, isn't it?" lamented the veteran of 5000 fights—other guys' fights—as he pulled his coat around his 125-pound physique and puffed furiously at one of the 20 cigars he smokes every day. "California is as bad as Florida. The poor kids don't have a chance. Most of them never have seen brass knucks or bricks bats in their whole lives."

"I Break Out" "They just swim, or run with footballs. They sit in the sun and drink orange juice. I try to stuff and break out with livers. I sit in the sun 20 minutes and I'm redder than a pair of Lana Turner's slacks. But the kids like it. They grow up saying 'please' and 'thank you' when they should be learning to swear properly, or hanging around pool halls."

The signor, it may be explained, was brought up right. He spent all but five of his 50-plus years in Manhattan, didn't see a cow until he was 38, hasn't grown an inch since he was 12 and believes that a well-dressed man wears a derby, stiff shirt, dark blue suit, spats and black overcoat with velvet collar—even in the summer time.

Ever since he retired as sports editor of the New York Evening Mail—after rising from copy boy—he has been publicizing Rickard, Jim Coffroth, J. J. Johnston, Bill Kyne and other enterprises, and howling that boxing has gone to you know where because the boys aren't allowed to grow up with the proper disregard for law and order.

Boys Getting Soft "I have seen every heavyweight champion since Sullivan and I have written copy for Dempsey, Tunney, Willard and many others," emphasized the signor, "and I know that the boys are starting to get soft. But in California it is worse than anywhere else. They had good fighters there once, but what did sunshine get the Baers or Lou Nova?"

"It got them belted out in a total of 11 rounds because they didn't ever learn to be tough and nasty. They were belted out by Joe Louis, a very fine boy, but one who can't hit Jack Johnson in 10 years and who would be knocked out by Harry Greb in seven rounds. Zale and Conn and Soose? Why, Stan Ketchell would have murdered them all in the same round."

Albertanti regards Johnson, Greb, Ketchell, Terry McGovern, Abe Attell and Pancho Villa as the best men at the various weights, with Joe Gans as the greatest of them all. He attributes their records to the fact that they were ugly customers and smart enough to learn their trade at an early age. Otherwise, he says, they wouldn't have survived.

Meanness Makes 'Em "Meanness made them," he said. "They had to start fighting at six or seven and they kept on fighting. They would have murdered their own mothers if they had to face them in the ring. The only reason they ever touched gloves at the start of a bout was to make sure the other guy wasn't carrying a horse-shoe. There has been nobody like that since Ace Hudkins."

The signor went on at some length from there and in the course of the conversation it developed that in California he had been publicizing race tracks and the film studios.



Elwood (Woody) Norris, Butler's stellar hardwood co-captain, will not play the remainder of the net schedule for the Bulldogs, according to an athletic department announcement.

Norris has been declared ineligible scholastically. He will enter school this new semester, however, to complete studies before being called into military service.

This is the second serious blow to Coach Hinkle's Bulldogs in less than a week. Co-captain Wilbur Schumacher is nursing a shoulder injury received in the Ball State game Saturday night.

The high scoring senior said this afternoon that he may turn professional for the Kautsky All-Americans, local team. He will practice with them tomorrow night. It was understood that Frank Kautsky, pro team owner, was seeking Norris to replace the vacancy left by Bob Dietz, last year's Butler captain, who has enlisted in the Naval Air Corps.

Expensive Campaign

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 28.—It cost Byron Nelson \$20,000 in 10 years of trying to win a California golf tournament before copping the Oakland Open.

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