



SPORTS . . .

By Eddie Ash

BACK in those days, a quarter of a century ago, when he used to peer through the knothole in the fences at the Toledo ball park, and, if no one was looking, scale the barrier to get into the park, a youngster by the name of Albert Marquardt had two ambitions.

One of them was to some day become a professional baseball player, and the other to manage his home town team. . . . It didn't take him long to accomplish the first, for at the age of 17, in 1921, he broke into the professional game.

The other was harder to fulfill, but it came a couple of weeks ago when the Toledo Mud Hens announced the appointment of that same Albert L. Marquardt, known in baseball as Ollie, to manage the club in 1944.

Ollie first saw the light of day on April 22, 1904, so three days after the season opens he will observe his 40th birthday anniversary. . . . He broke into baseball in 1921 with London, Ont., and in 1922 was with Hagerstown, Md., as an infielder, a right-hander all the way. . . . He then dropped out of league baseball for a few years, playing semi-pro ball in Ohio.

Played With Blues and Brewers

THE URGE was too strong however, and in 1928 he came back to join the Springfield, O., club in the revamped Central League. . . . Later that season he was sold to Canton of the same circuit.

At the conclusion of the 1929 season he was sold by Canton to Nashville of the Southern association, and after one season there, became the property of the Boston Red Sox.

Later in 1931 the Red Sox shipped him to Kansas City, where he made his bow in American association baseball, playing through 1932 with the Blues, and in 1933 with Milwaukee.

Won Three Pennants at Cedar Rapids

MARQUARDT'S career took him to Williamsport in 1934, while 1935 was divided between Syracuse of the International and Memphis of the Southern. . . . He was also with Memphis in 1936, but returned to Williamsport for the 1937 season.

When the spring of 1938 rolled around he was a member of the Clinton, Iowa, club of the Three-I loop, but shifted in 1939 to Cedar Rapids for his first managerial job. . . . It was his record there that earned him a chance with his home town Mud Hens, for in his four seasons as pilot of the Cedar Rapids club he won three pennants. When the Three-I suspended before the start of the 1943 campaign, he, of course, became a free agent, and last year worked in Toledo. . . . Since it meant the realization of a life-time ambition, he jumped at the chance offered him to succeed Jack Fournier, who managed the Hens last season.

Mack Predicts This Will Be Year for 'One More Pennant'

FREDERICK, Md., March 23 (U.P.)—Connie Mack, 81-year-old pilot of the Philadelphia Athletics, predicted today that this may be the season he ends a 13-year search for "just one more pennant."

That has been his dream ever since he broke up the combination that won the world championship in 1929 and 1930, and captured American league honors in 1931. Never since has he been high enough on his club to make such a concrete forecast.

"This may be the year," he said hopefully as he watched his large squad work out. "I think the rest of the American league teams have lost strength, but I honestly believe that we are much stronger than we were in 1943."

Connie is sold on his pitching staff and appears to have enough infield and outfield strength to hold them up.

"Our pitching should be much

8-Club Sandlot Leagues Likely

Amateur baseball in Indianapolis should enjoy one of its banner seasons, officials of the Amateur Baseball association said after a meeting last night at City Hall.

Representatives of 15 teams attended while several others had previously reported intentions of putting teams on the field. The three Sunday loops that operated last season with six teams each are certain of competing with eight each.

Several changes in the association's rules were proposed and a committee composed of Bill Calvert, Kingan A. A.; Bob Elliott, Bridgeport-Brass; Del Griffin, P. R. Mallory; Wally Hurt, E. C. Atkins, and Lowell Hildebrandt, Stewart-Warner, was appointed to act on the suggestions.

Another meeting is scheduled at City hall next Wednesday night. Team representatives will be requested to pay their \$2 entry fee into the association and their league forfeits of \$5 per team.

Verbal Battle On

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N. Y., March 23 (U.P.)—President Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers answered Horace Stoneham, New York Giant president today with the taunt that "he has a big enough job worrying about his own club without being concerned with what we are doing."

Stoneham had said the Giants would finish higher than the Dodgers.

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Six New Cage Rules Studied

CHICAGO, March 23 (U.P.)—H. V. Porter, secretary of the national basketball committee of the United States and Canada, announced today that the committee will hold a rules meeting at New York, March 27-28.

Porter said rules for the 1944-45 season will be authorized after six major changes are considered. On the agenda are redefinition of the personal foul rule to permit five fouls for each player, authorization of an unlimited number of re-entries, modification of the three-second lane rule, elimination of goal tending, removal of the right of a player to pass the ball outside of the court before play is resumed after a basket, and clarification through editorial changes of certain rules already on the books.

He's Pvt. James L. Bivins now. Until reporting at Ft. Harrison yesterday he was Jimmie Bivins, No. 1 heavyweight since Joe Louis entered the service. This first picture of the big battler in uniform was taken yesterday.

Members of last season's 40 and 8 baseball team and others who would like to try out for this year's team are requested to meet at 8 p.m. tomorrow at 119 E. Ohio st.

Arrangements for the annual state A. A. U. wrestling tournament at the Y. M. C. A. April 1 will be completed by a committee headed by M. I. Lehman, director of physical education.

Assisting him will be Coach Billy Thom, Indiana university; Coach A. E. Pitcher, Southport high school; John Piper, director of boys' physical activities at the "Y," and Paul Bain and Carlton Flynn, members of the "Y" standing wrestling committee.

Competition is planned in nine divisions ranging from 112 pounds to the unlimited class. Entries have been received from Bloomington, Lafayette, Terre Haute and Southport. Entries will be accepted until Monday.

Grayson, Noted Stogie-Smoking Sports Scribe, Will Be Honored at Clam Bake

By JACK CUDDY
United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, March 23.—They're throwing a clam bake tonight at Al Schacht's for Harry Grayson, sports editor of N. Y. A.—one of the most colorful and authoritative figures ever to cavort across the sports press-circus.

Grayson, the guy who once "bombed" Jacobs beach with his breakfast dishes is a debonair Merry Andrew, whose personality and penchant for excitement make him a movie fan's conception of a sports writer. But at the same time, he is a sports writer's sports writer because of his hustle, fearlessness and vast store of knowledge.

The swashbuckling sage of the press corps has written a book, and it promises to be a best seller: although it's not about himself. Hence tonight's shindig at Schacht's. The book is called "They Played the Game." It contains intimate stories of baseball greats.



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Ruelle Replaces Nakina Smith As Sorrell Seeks to Bolster Line for 2d Play-Offs Game

'We'll Get 'Em Tonight,' Caps' Chief Vows; Series Will Shift to Coliseum Tomorrow Night

By FRANK WIDNER
Times Staff Writer

BUFFALO, March 23.—Coach Johnny Sorrell revived the Alex Ritsos-Dick Kowinak-Bernie Ruelle line today, taking Nakina Smith off to bolster the Indianapolis Caps for their second of the best of seven game series with the Buffalo Bisons here tonight.

Nakina, who had been operating in the line while Ruelle was on the bench during the first game, in which the Caps suffered a 5-2 defeat, will go back to the players' box and will be ready for a call from Sorrell whenever he wants to mix up his lines.

Sorrell Still Optimistic

Sorrell, disappointed by the loss to Eddie Shore's Bisons Tuesday night, kept his fingers crossed and said "We'll get 'em tonight."

The Caps were unable to practice because of the Lulu Costantino-Joe Bagno fight in the auditorium last night, but Sorrell figures that four games in five nights, which the Caps will play by tonight, is enough for any team.

The team will be back in Indianapolis tomorrow afternoon and play on the Coliseum track night that night. Should another game be necessary, then they will entrain for Buffalo to play another game next Wednesday night.

Rens to Display New Stars Here

Although such names as "Fats" Jenkins, "Tarzan" Cooper and "Wee Willie" Smith are no longer a part of the New York Renaissance professional basketball team's lineup, their replacements are capable netters who can do practically everything the trio of veterans could. The Rens meet the Pure Oils at the Armory Sunday.

As usual, the aggregation has height. "Hank" DeZoie, a Clark university product, measures 6 feet 6 1/2; "Dolly" King, the three-letter man from Long Island University is 6 feet 5 inches, and "Charlie" Isles from New York's DeWitt Clinton high school is 6 feet 3. "Puggy" Bell, Benny Garrett and "Pop" Gates also hover around the six-foot mark.

The Rens and Pure Oils participated in the professional tournament now in progress in Chicago. The locals were eliminated Tuesday night, dropping a 55-52 decision to Cleveland. The Rens are still in the running and will meet Ft. Wayne Zolliners in the semi-finals tonight.

Fielders Best Colas

Stout Field defeated the Royal Crown Colas, 55-52 in the field reception hall last night. Clyde Holzhausen, formerly of Indiana Central, scored 25 points for the Fielders. It was the final game for the Colas who won 14 and lost nine.

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