

# SPORTS...

## By Eddie Ash

WES LIVENGOOD, one of last season's ace pitchers with the pennant-winning Milwaukee Brewers, passed his draft physical examination and is now in the navy. . . . Manager Charlie Grimm said he has several good prospects to fill Livengood's shoes.

Also lost to the Brewers is Owen Scheetz, veteran relief pitcher, who has decided to stay on his war plant job. . . . Scheetz spent the greater part of last season with the Minneapolis Millers. . . . The Brewers purchased his contract at the waiver price to help them sew up the pennant.

Al Hunt, former Indianapolis and St. Paul outfielder, who is now a defense worker in Louisville, wants to play part-time with the Colonels this year. . . . Hunt's contract now belongs to Montreal. . . . Vince Barton, International league outfielder also employed in a Louisville war plant, also may try for a part-time job with the Colonels.

### McNair, Haslin Accepted for Service

PAT McNair, infielder, who played for the Buffalo Internationals last season on loan from the Indianapolis Indians, won't report to the Tribe's Bloomington training camp. . . . He passed his army physical recently and is through with league baseball for the duration. . . . Al Schliensker, Tribe secretary, received notice from the player today.

Schliensker also received notice from the Atlanta club of the Southern association to the effect that the deal for Mickey Haslin, veteran infielder, is off. . . . The Cracker management purchased Haslin's contract from the Indians during the winter. . . . According to the Atlanta club officials, Haslin notified them that he had been accepted for service.

### Trainer of Derby Winner 'Walked Back'

MATT J. WINN, president of the Churchill Downs race track, likes to tell friends of the time Bob Smith, trainer of Cavalcade, 1934 Kentucky Derby winner, had to walk back to downtown Louisville after the running of the classic.

After the race, Bob went to the barn to see if his horse cooled off properly. . . . Meanwhile, a fellow trainer, who was to drive Smith back to town, misunderstood and left. . . . Smith tried thumbing his way back. . . . Finally a car stopped.

"I'm Bob Smith," he explained. "I just won the Derby with Cavalcade."

The fellow in the car sneered: "Yeah, and I'm Cavalcade." . . . With that he slammed the door and Bob walked back on his aching dogs.

## Sox, Cubs Play at Seymour; 50 Youths Try Out With Giants

By UNITED PRESS

FRENCH LICK, Ind.—The Chicago Cubs and their South side rivals, the White Sox, will meet tomorrow in the first game of the annual spring "city series."

Dykes said he would use veteran Pitchers Thornton Lee, Bill Dietrich and Orval Grove in their first game, which will be played before soldiers at Freeman Field, Seymour, Ind.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.—The Cincinnati Reds today entrusted an all-rookie pitching trio with the job of beating the Chicago Cubs in the first exhibition game of the season between the teams. Manager Bill McKechnie nominated Arnold Carter, Tom de la Cruz and Bob Malloy. Manager Jimmy Wilson of the Cubs' plans' to start Henry Wyse, who won 9 and lost 7 games last season.

MUNCIE, Ind.—Wally Hebert, 36-year-old southpaw pitcher, intends to remain at his war plant job during the 1944 season, Manager Frankie Frisch of the Pirates revealed today.

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—Manager Steve O'Neill, dissatisfied over the hitting of the Detroit Tigers in their week-end series with the Chicago White Sox, ordered extra batting drills today. Pitcher Johnny Gorski reported.

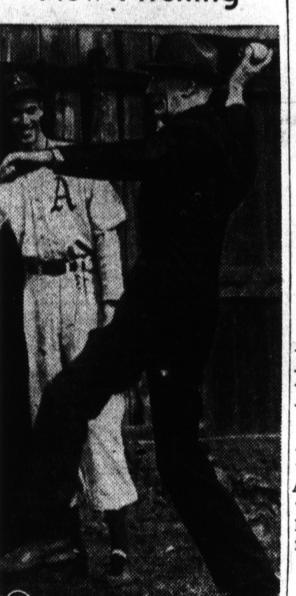
CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo.—Pitcher Jack Kramer, who won eight games and lost two with the Toledo farm club of the St. Louis Browns, went to work for the American leaguers today after signing his 1944 contract.

LAKEWOOD, N. J.—Approximately 50 young baseball players, selected for tryouts with the New York Giants by Cari Hubbell, the new director of the team's farm system, will begin a series of tryouts today at the spring training camp of the Giants. Hubbell said the most promising of the lot will be used to stock the three new Class D farm clubs of the Giants.

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N. Y.—Manager Leo Durocher of the Brooklyn Dodgers pronounced his squad in excellent physical trim today, and said he believed it was better advanced in spring conditioning than any other major league team.

FREDERICK, Md.—Connie Mack, who believes the Athletics stand an excellent chance to win the American league pennant, took firm measures today to prevent training irregularities from thwarting his hopes. He banned liquor drinking, put a five and 10-cent limit on poker games, demanded prompt attendance at meals and established a scale of automatic fines for violations. He commissioned his coaches to act as "policemen."

### Now Pitching



### Connie Mack illustrates for Russ Christopher at Frederick, Md., bivouac. Things being what they are, perhaps the 81-year-old manager is getting in shape to pitch for the Athletics.

### Ailments Plague Weakened Yanks

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 28 (U. P.)—Spring training ailments plagued the New York Yankees today to bring Manager Joe McCarthy a change of pace in tedium over manpower losses and inclement weather.

Catcher Bob Collins suffered a lame knee during a brief indoor workout yesterday to join other incapacitated players. Outfielder George (Tuck) Stainback had an ankle injury, infielder Oscar Grimes a sore finger, infielders Joe Buzas and Don Savage, sore arms, outfielder Ed Leyva a back ailment, and pitcher Emerson Roser was troubled with dizzy spells.

### Andover Coach Gets Service Award

NEW YORK, March 28 (U. P.)—Coach Oswald Tower of Andover college was voted an award for the most meritorious service to basketball in the 1943-44 season at the annual meeting of the National Association of College Basketball Coaches.

Tower, a member of the group's rules committee for the past 35 years, has had more service with the organization than any of the other 69 coaches attending the meeting.

### Enter Tennis Meet

Miss Sally Green, who won the singles in last year's tournament, will participate in the mixed doubles of the national open table tennis meet at St. Louis Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Her partner will be Les Lowry, stationed with the air force cadets at Butler. Others who will represent the Indianapolis Table Tennis club in the meet are Jack Wagner, Stan Webster, Don Wilson, Bob Edwards and Charles Dorsey.

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### A Mouthful



First Baseman Frank McCormick is as surprised as the fish on catching his first large-mouth bass in a lake near Bloomington, Ind., where the Cincinnati Reds are training.

### Chi's Golden Clovers Win

NEW YORK, March 28 (U. P.)—Amateur boxers from Chicago today brought home the annual international Golden Gloves championship, winning nine bouts to seven against New York youngsters at Madison Square Garden last night.

A crowd of 18,000 saw the bouts. Chicago, needing a victory in the final bout to avoid a tie in the team totals, got it on an upset when blond Ragon Kinney of Little Rock, Ark., an army air corps private out-pointed Jerry Jackson, big Bronx fighter in the heavyweight championship. Kinney won the three-round decision by a wide margin.

The Westerners won six championship bouts and three alternate fights.

It was Chicago's 10th victory in the 17-year series. New York has won four and three were tied.

In the 135-pound division, Pvt. Gene Joyce, an alternate of Gary, Ind., outpointed Garret Nagel, Amityville, N. Y.

Cecil Schoonmaker, New York 121-pounder, outpointed Tommy Nata, South Bend, Ind., in their championship bout.

McCreedy Awaits Crack at Title

"Wild Bill" Longson, world's heavyweight champion of Salt Lake City, will engage Earl McCreedy, a Canadian who holds the Australian heavyweight title, in the feature of tonight's wrestling show at the armory.

The Swedish Angel originally had been scheduled to meet Longson, but was forced to postpone his appearance as a result of an injury. He will be out of action for another week.

McCreedy is viewed as a formidable substitute. He scales 245 pounds against 230 for Longson and is rated a topnotch. Earl met the Angel here six weeks ago, winning the first bout, but losing out when he was forced to forfeit because of an injury.

The appearance of Lou (The Great) Plummer, Baltimore heavy, is an added feature. Lou is holder of the purple heart, having been wounded in action in Sicily. He will oppose Frank Taylor of Toledo. The opener is between junior heavies, Frank Hart, of Chicago and Whitey Wahlberg of Minneapolis.

Zivic Awaiting Early Army Call

PITTSBURGH, March 28 (U. P.)—Fritz Zivic, aging Pittsburgh welterweight, said today that a tattered bone in his left hand which caused cancellation of his bout tomorrow night at Elizabeth, N. J., with Freddy Archer, probably would not delay his army induction and that he expected to be in uniform by April 17.

Zivic reinjured the hand defeating Harry Teaney at Milwaukee last Friday night. His army induction was delayed pending recovery from a hand fracture suffered in bout with Jake Lamotta at Detroit.

He said he hoped to be in condition to fulfill his engagement with Tom Bell of Youngstown, O., at Cleaveland, April 11.

Members of the conference include Decatur Central, Lawrence Central, Plainfield, Danville, Greenwood and Mooresville.

Mid-State Schools To Play Baseball

MARTINSVILLE, Ind., March 28 (U. P.)—The six-school mid-state high school conference today announced a 16-game baseball schedule opening April 4 and closing May 16.

Members of the conference include Decatur Central, Lawrence Central, Plainfield, Danville, Greenwood and Mooresville.

Pepper Martin Ready to Stage Comeback; His Only Fear Is Playing Under the Lights

CAIRO, Ill., March 28 (U. P.)—Bandy-legged, Ruddy-faced Pepper Martin, the "wild hoss of the Osage," is set to launch one of baseball's most colorful comebacks and the only thing that is shaking his confidence is this business of playing ball under the moon instead of the sun.

Martin, who believes life and comebacks begin at 40, has spent 19 of his 21 years of professional baseball with the St. Louis Cardinals organization. After two successful years as playing manager at Sacramento and one at Rochester, the familiar streak of the base paths is back in the majors for another try, and looks as a helpful addition to manager Bill Southworth's doubtful lineup.

He still has the speed. He still can hit and get on base. He still can throw. But he's not so sure how his aging peers are going to react under lights.

"I can't spot a fly ball at night," he said. "In fact, I had to sit out the night games last year for fear of getting bopped on the head by the ball. I think the pitchers have

### Indians Ready For First Test Against Reds

By JOE WILLIAMS  
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NEW YORK, March 28.—Mr. Joe McCarthy is beginning to learn how the poor families on the other side of the railroad tracks live. He has been reduced from caviar to corn pone.

The dispatches from Atlantic City all run to a pattern. One star after another is tapped by Mr. Whiskers. For five years the cry has been, "Break up the Yankees." It took another world war to do it but the job is being done thoroughly. Even the rich resources of the farm system are threatened.

Mr. McCarthy may not win the flag this year but he'll get as much out of what is left him as possible. We have read his managerial ability will be put to the real test this year. What, may we ask, have they been testing him for all these previous years? If he hasn't firmly established his ability by now, he never will. If

he finishes last it will be because he has a last place ball club. Connie Mack has made a business of finishing last. And John McGraw was in last place when he retired.

OF MORE interest we think, is what will become of the players who have gone into service, especially the more matured ones. Hank Greenberg comes to mind. Going on 34, he has been out of baseball three seasons. It seems almost certain he won't be back until 1945, if by then. Would he still be able to make the grade?

Our guess would be no. Even if he returned in fine physical condition there would still be the important task of co-ordination, which in the case of a slugger means synchronizing eye sharpness and muscular power. This is something you don't pick up where you left off just like that. It is the product of steady application.

Other players have dropped out

or been forced to leave the big leagues and returned to perform with reasonably high skill. But Greenberg has already been out longer than any other player we can recall to mind. George Sisler, was out a year. So were Earle Combs, Burgess Whitehead, Edd Roush, Johnny Kling and Mike Donlin. One year doesn't seem to make a killing difference.

"BUT TWO YEARS can practically ruin you," says Carl Hubbell. "You lose instinctive touch."

Possibly this is so. Yet we seem to remember Colby Jack Coombs was out two years with the Athletics, and came back with his face shot off, but was still able to come back with the armchair and came back to perform in the big leagues, for several years. Hank Gowdy, first ball player to enlist in the other one, was catching for the Giants in a world series six years after the armchair. But Gowdy and the others had been out of baseball actually only a relatively short period.

THE OTHER world war left small precedent with which to work. It was much shorter, and the personnel of the sport was not hit hard. Eddie Grant, the Giants' third baser, didn't live to come back. Joe Harris, who played first and outfield, came back with his face shot off, but was still able to come back with the armchair and came back to perform in the big leagues, for several years. Hank Gowdy, first ball player to enlist in the other one, was catching for the Giants in a world series six years after the armchair. But Gowdy and the others had been out of baseball actually only a relatively short period.

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