

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 own 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 Indians 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 Schlensker, Tribe secretary, received notice from the player today.

Schlensker 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

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-rounder 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 Gorsica 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 Carl 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."



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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 Glovers Win

NEW YORK, March 28 (U. P.)—Amateur boxers from Chicago today brought home the annual inter-city 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 112-pounder, outpointed Tommy Nite, South Bend, Ind., in their championship bout.

Al Schacht Is 'Holdout' Again

ATLANTIC CITY, March 28.—Al Schacht has quit his New York tavern to get in shape with the Yankees here for baseball comic exhibitions at 51. Engagements this year will be limited to the East, and will be done sparingly, for Schacht is to broadcast the New York games. Schacht is also sought to go overseas again as an entertainer. The Clown Prince claims that he can still do a capable piece of work in the box for five innings, has told Clark Griffith, his old boss, that if the Senators need him, he is a hold-out, as usual.

I. U. Track Team In Drake Relays

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 28.—Indiana university's 1944 outdoor track schedule, announced today by Acting Coach J. Clifford Watson, will be opened on April 29 at Des Moines, when the Hoosiers enter a full team in the Drake relays.

Bears Consider Training Site

FRENCH LICK, Ind., March 28 (U. P.)—Ralph Brizzolara, acting president of the Chicago Bears professional football team, said today that he was considering using French Lick Springs as training grounds in August.

Officials of the National league team completed two-day inspection of the grounds with the White Sox and Cubs are training. Brizzolara said they would decide upon the training site before June.

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 forces cadets at Butler. Others who will represent the Indianapolis Table Tennis club in the meet are Jack Wagner, Stan Webley, Don Wilson, Bob Edwards and Charles Dorsey.

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Indians Ready For First Test Against Reds

Tribe Will Have Benefit Of Only 2 Outdoor Drills

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 28.—The Indianapolis Indians tomorrow are to face big league pitching in a regular exhibition game with the Cincinnati Reds out on Indiana university's Jordan field.

Due to the fact the Reds are ahead of the Tribe's training, the Indians are not expected to create much of a furor at bat although they will welcome the chance to try out their batting eyes against the major league hurlers.

The Indians have practiced outdoors but once and they planned to get in a long workout today on the I. U. diamond while the Reds were out of town.

Three Get Mound Call

Bucky Walters, Joe Beggs and E. Heusser are expected to share the hurling for the Reds against the Tribe. Manager Bush of the Indians said he will call upon John Hutchings, Woodie Rich and Bob Logan. Hutchings is to get the starting assignment. Hugh Poland is to be on the receiving end. Bush was undecided today about the rest of his starting lineup. He said it is a safe guess that all members of the squad would see some action in the game.

Heitzel, Kelley Due

Bill Heitzel, infielder down from the Boston Braves, failed to show up yesterday as scheduled but he sent another notice in which he said he would be in "camp" by Wednesday. He resides at York, Pa.

Harry Kelley, veteran pitcher purchased from Memphis last week, is also due in camp tomorrow. There is nothing new to report on absentees Manny Salvo and Allyn Stout, pitchers, and Carl Fairy, shortstop.

The Indians spent another day indoors yesterday and the players were sent through two hours of batting and running.

"I think we'll have a big edge over the other A. A. clubs in physical condition by the time opening day rolls around," said the Tribe chieftain.

McCready Awaits Crack at Title

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

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.

McCready is viewed as a formidable substitute. He scales 245 pounds against 230 for Longson and is rated a topnotcher. Earl met the Angel here six weeks ago, winning the first fall, 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 he chipped bones 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 reentered the hand defeating Harry Teaney at Milwaukee last Friday night. His army induction previously was delayed pending recovery from a hand fracture suffered in a bout with Jake Lamotta at Detroit.

He is hoped to be in condition to fulfill his engagement with Tommy Bell of Youngstown, O., at Cleveland, April 11.

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a definite advantage at night, because the hitter can't focus on the ball soon enough to give it proper timing."

In spite of his own moonlight complex, Pepper thinks night baseball has been the salvation of the minor leagues, so far as attendance is concerned, and he even believes the majors should continue to have a certain amount of it after the war as a gate attraction.

Dressed in his usual manner of open shirt, sport coat and 10-gallon

The War Finally 'Breaks Up' the Yankees

By JOE WILLIAMS

Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

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 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 mature 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 item 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 Sider was out a year. So were Earle Combs, Burgess Whitehead, Edd Rousch, 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 Combs was out two years with the Athletics and came back to pitch competent ball for four more years with the Dodgers. Maybe it's different with pitchers, though the testimony on this point comes from an expert on pitching: Mr. Hubbell.

Granted he comes out of the war physically sound, Bob Feller ought to be able to regain his effectiveness in the box in short order, for the good reason he still has baseball youth on his side; he is almost eight years younger than Greenberg; for example, Joe Di Maggio is some four years younger, Joe Gordon, even younger. In most such cases youth is sure to be the final answer.

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 baseman, 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 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 armistice. But Gowdy and the others had been out of baseball actually only a relatively short period.

Tiger Jackson Added to Card

Tiger Jackson, Akron welterweight puncher, will replace Tiger Kiggins, local better, on the armory fight card Friday night. Matchmaker Lloyd Carter announced today. The Buckeye mauler will face Willie Russell of Cleveland in the top six-round prelim of the five-event bill. Kiggins originally had been signed as Russell's opponent.

The featured bout is billed for 10 sessions and will feature heavyweights Johnny Denson, Indianapolis, and Ira Hughes of Pittsburgh. Hughes will be making his first start in a local arena. The Pittsburgher has tangled with some of the aces of the heavy division, including Billy Conn, Curtis Sheppard, Dan Merritt and James Fitzjames.

Local Bowlers Consider Plans To Revive Traveling League

A number of local bowlers, along with bowling alley proprietors of the city will meet at Pritchett's tomorrow night with the idea of forming a traveling league for the 1944-45 season. Fred Schleimer, secretary of the Indianapolis and Fox-Hunt Classic loops, will direct the meeting.

Although most of the nation's large bowling centers have supported such loops, it has been almost 25 years since one operated in Indianapolis.

An eight-circuit circuit bowled here in the days of the old Marion club, Democrat and Liederkranz alleys. Several round-robin tournaments, operated on the same basis, have been staged at various times.

If the present loop materializes it will probably be made up of a dozen or more teams representing that many alleys. They would compete at different alleys each week.

Tomorrow night's gathering is scheduled at 7:30, preceding the weekly session of the Indianapolis league.

Bowlers in action last night failed to do much in the way of outstanding scoring, only three leagues passing 500. Bob Sando posted the top series of the season in the Link-Belt No. 4 league at Dezelan's 233, 235, 200-668. It was also the initial 600 for Sando, a 158 average bowler.

Dick Riggins and Cecil Beris were

College Quints In Title Clash

NEW YORK, March 28 (U. P.)—The finale in the world series of college basketball will be staged in Madison Square Garden tonight when Dartmouth clashes with Utah university for the 1944 N. C. A. A. title.

Before the two meet, the N. C. A. A. rules committee was expected to have reached its decision on the controversial move to curb the "skyscrapers" of the game—the seven-footers.

Chairman James W. St. Clair of Southern Methodist said the committee was concerned mainly with the players' welfare, and sought an answer to two key questions: (1) Is the tall goal-tender a menace to the game? (2) Can resourceful coaching overcome seven-footer opposition, without benefit of legislation?

Coaches unanimously were against raising the baskets to 12 feet, but suggested the "tall, thin man" curb might be accomplished by prohibiting interference with the ball on its downward flight, or abolishing the three-second rule, or inaugurating a three-second zone within a six-foot circle of the basket.

Utah, regardless of the outcome of the game with Dartmouth, will play St. John's, national invitation champions, in the Red Cross benefit game on Thursday, with the mythical national title at stake.

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.

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The Cubs' First Casualty



Trainer Andy Lotshaw, once a member of the Indianapolis Indian organization, gives first aid to Paul Derringer, the veteran hurler, at the Cubs' French Lick training camp. Derringer, the Cubs' first casualty, twisted an ankle when he stepped on a stone, but the injury is about mended now.

Caps to Make Final Stand

By FRANK WIDNER
Times Staff Writer

EN ROUTE TO BUFFALO, March 28.—Our Indianapolis Caps are to arrive here late tonight, faced with the prospect of a possible elimination from the Calder Cup playoffs in Memorial Auditorium tomorrow night.

The Shoremen, with a huge advantage of three victories against one defeat in series "B" of the playoffs, hold the advantage tomorrow evening of their own home ice which has proven such a "bugaboo" to Coach Johnny Sorrell's boys so far in the post-season games.

Defeat Means Finish

A defeat for the Caps tomorrow night would eliminate them from the playoffs and give Eddie Shore's charges the right to meet the winner of the Cleveland-Hershey playoff game. The Bisons won the coveted cup last year and their final victim in the playoffs, ironically so, was the Caps.

Should Indianapolis come through with a victory tomorrow night, then a sixth contest would be necessary in the best of seven series and it would be played in the Coliseum in Indianapolis Thursday night.

A seventh game, if necessary, would be staged back in Buffalo, as the Bisons get the extra game because they scored more points than the Capitals during the regular season.

Army Star Heads All-Star Cage Team

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 28 (U. P.)—The Sporting News announced its second annual All-American collegiate basketball team today with Dale Hall of Army as captain with one other star from the East, two from the Midwest and one from the South.

Hall, whose home-town is Parsons, Kas., also was named player of the year. He drew one forward position with Aud Brindley of Dartmouth at the other. Sporting News chose George Mikan of DePaul for Center and Otto Graham, Northwestern and Colgate, and Bob Brannum of Kentucky at guards.

The second guard is made up of Dick McGuire of St. John's and Leo Klier, Notre Dame, forwards; Bob Kurland, Oklahoma Aggies, center; Billy Morris, Washington State, and Dave Danner, Iowa, guards.

Briefly—

Jim Bagby, a 17-game winner for the Cleveland Indians last season, was sworn into the United States maritime service at Atlanta yesterday.

Hugh A. Barnhart, state conservation director, will speak at the meeting of the Marion County Fish and Game association at the Hotel Antlers at 8 p. m. tomorrow. Color movies of quail hunting, filmed by E. H. Scott, Richmond, on his Mississippi game preserve, will be shown.

Manager Frankie Frisch of the Pittsburgh Pirates, said today that National League President Ford C. Frick is expected to be a visitor in the Buc camp at Muncie, Ind., tomorrow.

Illinois and Ohio State football teams will play at Cleveland stadium Nov. 18, the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce special events committee announced today.

A crowd of 18,000 is expected to see the Detroit Red Wings and the Chicago Blackhawks in their fourth game of the Stanley cup hockey playoffs at Chicago tonight. The Chicagoans have a 2-1 lead over the defending champions.

The Toronto Maple Leafs, trailing two games to one, meet the Montreal Canadiens in the fourth game of the semi-final Stanley cup playoff at Toronto tonight.

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