

Colonels Drop Redskins Out Of Loop Lead

LOUISVILLE, July 4.—The Louisville Colonels got their days mixed up here last night and exploded in a premature Fourth of July burst of action as they Indianapolis out of the American association lead with an 8-2 victory, their third in the four games played so far in the scheduled six-game series.

The Colonels rapped Wes Flowers and Woody Rich, who replaced him at the start of the seventh, for 15 blows that included six doubles, a triple and a home run.

Concurrently, Rex Cecil was holding the Indians to eight well-dispersed hits and one legitimate run batted home on a single by Art Parks in the fifth. The other run came home in the seventh on an error by Shortstop Strick Shofner.

Great Flowers

The Colonels got to Flowers for 11 hits and five runs during his six-inning sojourn, making three in the second on four walks, one in the fourth and another in the sixth, this on a homer by Steve Barath. Four blows, three of them for extra bases, were rained on Rich in the seventh for three more runs.

The defeat dropped the Redskins from the league lead half a game behind Milwaukee. The Hoosiers now are ahead of the Colonels by only half a game and must at least break even in the Fourth double-header to retain their position.

Slated to pitch for the Indians in tonight's twin bill that concludes the series are Harry Durham and Jim Wallace. Probable pitchers for the Colonels are Otis Clark and George Diehl.

The Box Score

INDIANAPOLIS	AB	R	H	E
Geraghty, 2b	5	1	2	2
Parks, 1b	4	0	1	0
Shupe, 1b	4	0	1	0
English, 3b	4	0	2	2
Wentzel, cf	4	0	2	0
Dill, rf	4	0	1	0
Brady, c	3	1	0	1
Held, ss	3	0	1	0
Flowers, 3b	2	0	1	0
Rich, p	2	0	0	0
Detore	1	0	0	0
Jimmes	1	0	0	0
Totals	35	2	14	4

Detore batted for Flowers in 7th.

Jimmes batted for Rich in 9th.

LOUISVILLE

LaForest, rf	4	1	2	0	0
Genovese, cf	4	1	2	1	0
Brown, 1b	3	0	2	14	0
Polly, 3b	4	1	1	1	0
Barath, 1b	4	1	2	2	0
Lipcomb, 2b	3	2	2	0	4
Shofner, ss	4	1	2	5	7
Argon, c	4	1	1	4	0
Cecil, p	4	0	0	0	4
Totals	34	8	15	27	16
Indianapolis	0	0	0	0	1
Louisville	0	0	0	1	0
Runs batted in—Argon, Genovese	3	3	0	1	3

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Flowers, 3b, two-base hit—Brown, Argon, Lipcomb, Genovese, Wentzel, Polly, Barath, three-base hit—LaForest, Brown, Shupe, double play—English to Brady to Geraghty; Shupe, unassisted; Shofner to Brown; Held to Geraghty to Shupe; Cecil to Shofner to Brown.

Left on base—Indianapolis 4, Louisville 5.

Base on balls—Off Flowers 3, Cecil 2.

Strike out—By Flowers 2, Rich 2.

Hit—Off Flowers 1 in 6, off Rich 4 to 2.

Ball—Cecil, losing pitcher—Flowers, 7 up—Peters, Moore and Prince. Time of game—1:35.

Suspend Ruffin, New Jersey Asks

TRENTON, N. J., July 4 (U. P.).—All state athletic commissions which have working agreements with New Jersey have been asked to suspend Bobby Ruffin, Astoria (N. Y.), boxer because of his "unwarranted delay" before appearing in a 10-round bout in Elizabeth, N. J., which he lost recently to Freddie Archer.

The lightweight boxer, slated to fight Willie Joyce of Gary, Ind., in a bout at New York's Madison Square garden in July, sat outside in a car, refusing to go into the arena until he was permitted to use six-ounce instead of eight ounce gloves. The request could not be granted because New Jersey law permits nothing lighter than eight ounce gloves.

Baseball Calendar

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION	W	L	Pct.
Milwaukee	41	27	.603
Indianapolis	41	31	.569
Louisville	41	31	.569
Toledo	39	33	.542
St. Paul	33	39	.457
Minneapolis	31	41	.433
Columbus	31	41	.433
Kansas City	24	48	.333

NATIONAL LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.
Brooklyn	41	26	.612
New York	34	31	.523
Chicago	34	28	.550
St. Louis	34	28	.550
Pittsburgh	34	28	.550
Boston	32	31	.508
Cincinnati	29	35	.450
Philadelphia	19	53	.263

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.
Detroit	30	25	.549
New York	29	26	.524
Boston	29	26	.524
Washington	28	27	.510
Chicago	28	27	.510
St. Louis	28	27	.510
Cleveland	24	31	.438
Philadelphia	20	35	.364

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Coffin Course Tested for Opening Decision

Seventeen professional and well-known amateur golfers toured the improved Coffin golf course yesterday in an effort to determine whether the links should be opened this season.

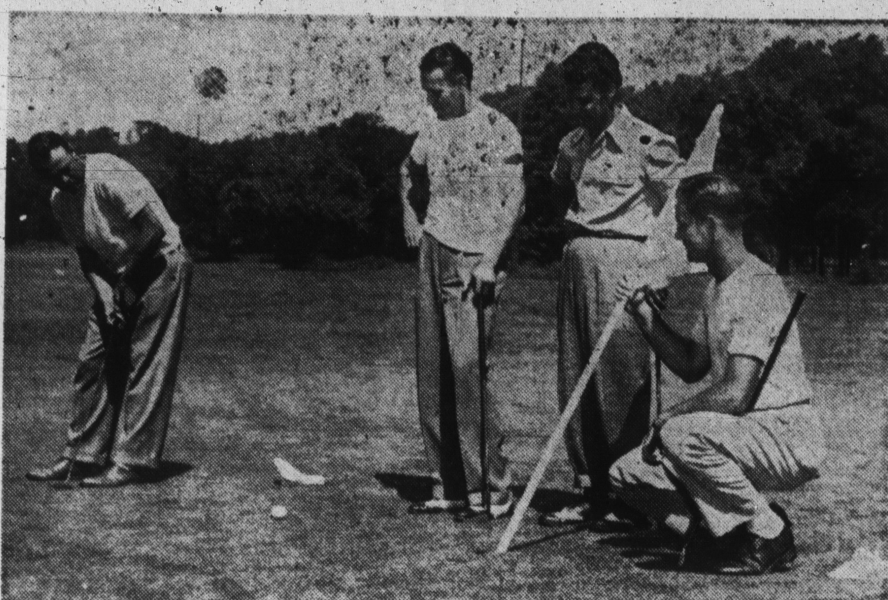
The golfers, including pros from local country clubs as well as city courses, played the course in its entirety. They teed off in foursomes and made their report to Paul V. Brown, director of the department of parks and recreation, at the end of the 18 holes.

New Greens Installed

Officials of the Coffin course were hesitant about opening the links this season after two years of inactivity due to the inclement weather which has kept workers off the courses and the shortage of labor which has prevented the grounds from being developed to their fullest capacity. Therefore, Coffin officials invited the city's leading golfers to give their estimation of the course.

Should Brown receive a favorable response from the linksmen, the course will be opened to the public during the week of July 10 to 15th.

New greens were installed on the course, scene of the 1935 National public links tourney, last winter. However, the dearth of manpower, which necessitated the use of inexperienced crews, has retarded the improvement. The consensus seemed to be that the greatest difficulty during the tryout yesterday was that the greens furnished a poor putting surface. Coffin managers, pointed out that the help has just not been available to smooth the greens as often as they should have been.



It was tuneup time yesterday on the Coffin golf course as this lead-off foursome gathered around the first hole to putt. The quartet included (left to right) Paul Sparks, Don Rink, Harold Cork and Bob Shuman.

The necessity for opening the course, considered to be one of the toughest in the Mid-west, is due to the congestion on other public links. War industries have been encouraging their workers to take up golf for relaxation and as a result, the courses are severely taxed for accommodations. Many night workers now play a round of golf after getting off the swing shift.

Another difficulty faced at Coffin is the fact that the organization no longer can furnish a clubhouse for the benefit of golfers. The clubhouse now belongs to Uncle Sam's women sailors. The WAVES are housed where the golfers would formerly have taken showers. Golfers who tested the course yesterday included John McGuire, 1934 state amateur champion; Walter Nelson, Woodstock pro; Cyril Shook, Sarah Shank pro; Ken Brown, South Grove pro; Ken Lauck; George Sisson; Bob Tindler, Riverside pro; Dick Kile, Jack Fortner, Eugene Findlay, Woody Lehr, Frank Glogozza and Bob Williams.

Chaney, Angelo Take Tag Tilt

Partners Lon Chaney, of Vincennes, Ind., and Martino Angelo, of Akron, O., took Australian tag-team wrestling honors at Sports Arena last night before an overflow crowd of 3200 mat patrons by downing a duo composed of Pat Riley, Chicago, and Don Eagle, of Canada.

Early threw Chaney to gain the first fall for his team at the 22-minute mark with a jack knife hold but the latter squared matters in fast time by grabbing the second session after eight minutes with a Boston crab. Angelo then settled the issue by downing Riley for the final fall with a dropkick and press after 13 minutes.

In a special supporting tussle, Coach Billy Thom, former U. S. menior, and Wayne Martin, of Hollywood, Cal., stepped to a fast 30-minute draw. All six grapplers are junior heavyweights.

Majors Schedule Charity Contests

CHICAGO, July 4 (U. P.).—Major league baseball's war relief contributions may pass the \$3,000,000 mark next week when seven charity games are played in the American and National leagues.

The schedule, as announced by the American league: July 5—Cubs vs. White Sox at Comiskey Park; Cincinnati at Cleveland and the Yankees at Philadelphia, all night games. July 10—Cards vs. Browns at St. Louis; Brooklyn at Washington and Phillies vs. A's at Philadelphia, all night games, and Braves vs. Red Sox at Fenwick park, day game.

During the past three years, the major leagues have donated \$2,530,460 to war charities.

Resume Racing

DETROIT, July 4 (U. P.).—William M. Dowling, state racing commissioner, announced today that horse racing will resume at the Detroit state fairgrounds on Saturday and will continue until the original closing date, Sept. 22.

Holmes' Clouting Gives Braves Hope For Having a League Batting Champion

By AL VERMEER Staff Writer

NEW YORK, July 4.—Tommy Holmes' shoulders are not bent a bit, although he has been packing a bulky 380 batting average since the season opened. The way base hits are whistling off his bat, Tommy reckons he may be able to maintain that pace right to the finish, thus becoming the third Boston Brave to win a National league batting championship in 50 years. Tommy currently is hitting in the neighborhood of .397.

Last September to turn such a trick was Ernie Lombardi, who bested the crowd with 330 in 1942. Prior to that, Rogers Hornsby won with 367 in 1928. From there you have to go all the way back to Hugh Duffy's celebrated 438 of 1894 to find a Boston National league with a batting crown on his head.

No Surprise Although few tabbed him as a contender when the season opened, Holmes' great success of 1945 is not exactly a surprise. Owner of a smooth but explosive left-handed swing, the Brooklyn-born Irisher has improved steadily since joining the Braves four seasons ago.

In his first two years he hovered in the 270s. Last summer he bounced up to 309, 10th best in the league. And now, by mastering the art of directing his blows to the field instead of strictly to right, Tommy threatens to snatch the crown which till precariously on the brow of Dixie Walker, "peppu's cherce" of Brooklyn.

Some credit for the Holmes boom must go to Johnny Frederick, the old Dodger who years ago set a record by wallowing seven home runs in one season as a pinch hitter. Del Bissonette was Johnny's teammate and when the 1923 race ended Frederick gave Del a couple of bats to take home.

Bissonette toted them to Winthrop (Me.), put the bats in his attic and proceeded to forget them. This spring, while rummaging, Del chanced upon the old clubs and brought them to the Braves' camp, where he now serves as coach. One of and Tommy's average immediately began to bulge at the seams.

There is an unwritten law in Boston that no one is to touch Tommy's pet wood. Players need not be reminded, for everyone knows that the man who breaks Holmes' bat is likely to get himself uncoupled, right there in the ball park.

For Tommy Holmes' swing and Johnny Frederick's bat make a handsome pair—and they'll look even better with that National league batting title.

Ingwersen Signs On Illini Staff

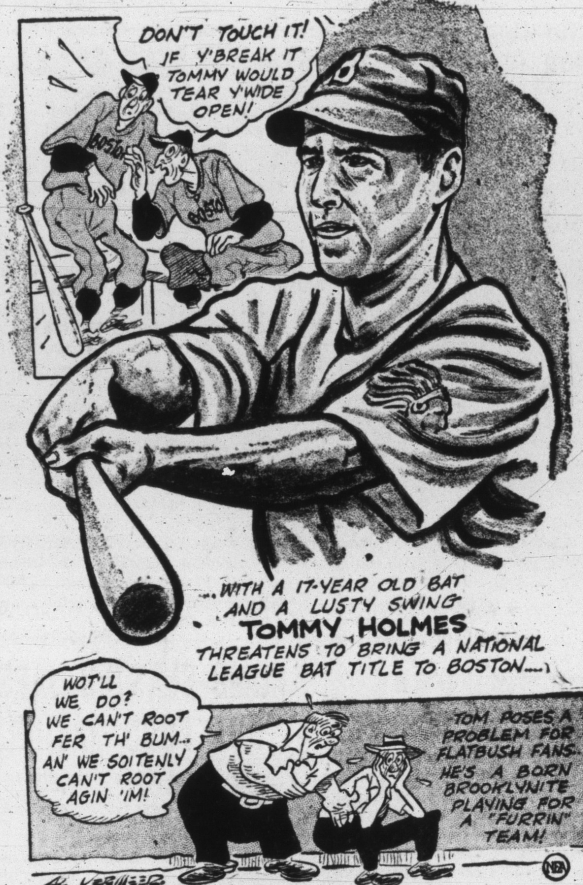
CHAMPAIGN, Ill., July 4 (U. P.).—Lt. Cmdr. Burton Ingwersen has been appointed assistant football coach at the University of Illinois. Douglas R. Mills, athletic director, revealed last night. Mills said Ingwersen's appointment will become effective whenever he is released from the navy.

Ingwersen, who starred in football, basketball and baseball at Illinois from 1917 to 1920, has been on leave of absence from Northwestern university where he was football line coach and head basketball coach.

Mills said Ingwersen's resignation from the Northwestern post has been accepted.

Benefit Softball Tilts Are Tonight

With all regular league games postponed because of the Fourth of July holiday, tonight's benefit softball program at Municipal stadium should prove attractive to local fans.



Eleven Years Ago Today—The Brown Bomber Fought His First Pro Bout

By JACK CUDDY United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, July 4 (U. P.).—Today is the 11th anniversary of a very important boxing debut—the first professional bout of Sgt. Joe Louis.

Few people recall that the heavyweight champion launched his career on Independence day—a holiday remembered for such historic fights as Dempsey-Willard, 1919; Johnson-Jeffries, 1910, and Nelson-Gans, 1908. However, for current pugilism the debut of the "Brown Bomber" was of ultra importance.

Louis engaged in his first commercial brawl at Bacon's arena, Chicago, on July 4, 1934. He knocked out one Jack Krackin in the first round. Before this, Alabama-born Louis had distinguished himself as an amateur boxer in his adopted city of Detroit.

The climax of his amateur career came in April, 1933, when he won the National-A. A. U. light heavyweight championship at St. Louis.

Joe Was Fortunate Success as an amateur does not necessarily pave the way to success as a professional. But Bomber Joe was mighty fortunate in the closing stages of his amateur career to fall into the hands of capable men who could direct his professional destinies wisely. They were three Negroes—Co-managers John R. Brown and Julian Black, and the late Jack Blackburn, trainer. Under this good guidance, 20-year-old Louis knocked out his first pro opponent in the first round—an augury of the future.

When Krackin hit the canvas at Bacon's arena, young Louis had taken his first step on the long and glorious trail that would lead to glory and gold, and to the longest reign as a heavyweight champion since the Marquis of Queensberry rules were introduced in the early Nineties.

On that July fourth, brown-skinned Joe launched a career that, less than a year later, was to provide the fuel which powered Mike Jacobs to success as a promoter—a promoter whose boxing extravaganzas challenged those of the late Tex Rickard. Jacobs first used Louis against Primo Carnera at Yankee stadium, June 25, 1935. It drew \$328,655.

Maestro of Maul Despite Jacobs' promotional talent and business shrewdness, it is extremely doubtful if he ever could have risen to the heights as a maestro of maul had he not hitched his wagon to this brown star. The fame and drawing power of Louis

Billy Talbert Advances In Racquet Meet

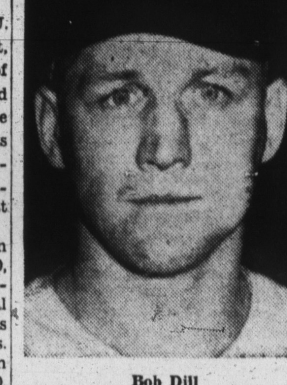
RIVER FOREST, Ill., July 4 (U. P.).—Top-seeded William Talbert, Wilmington (Del.), and formerly of Indianapolis, reached the third round of the men's singles in the 35th annual national clay courts tennis tourney yesterday while defending champion Francisco (Pancho) Segura enjoyed a one-day rest before resuming play today.

Talbert scored a straight set win over Burt Rance, Chicago, 6-0, 6-0, 6-3, in the day's top contest. Advancing with him was national and top-seeded women's singles player, Pauline Betz, Los Angeles. She easily triumphed over Elizabeth Goetsch, Oak Park (Ill.), 6-0, 6-0, in a first-round match.

The first round of men's singles closed when third-seeded Elwood Cooke, Los Angeles, trimmed Thane Halsted, Wheaton (Ill.), the 1944 Illinois state champion, 6-0, 6-0, 6-3. In other men's singles Herbert Behrens, Ft. Lauderdale (Fla.), won from eighth-seeded P. Morey Lewis, Los Angeles, by default; Henry Balaban, Chicago, defeated Frank Joseph, Springfield Valley (Cal.), 6-2, 6-2, 6-2, and fourth-seeded Jack McManis, San Diego (Cal.), won over Bob Dill of Tampa (Fla.), 5-7, 6-3, 6-1, 6-2.

In a first round doubles match Segura and Talbert defeated James Shannon and Lou Baxter, Oak Park (Ill.), 6-0, 6-0.

Dill Believes Trade 'Break'



Bob Dill

The swap which brought him from Minneapolis to the Indians was a distinct "break" in the opinion of Bob Dill, hustling outfielder who plays hockey for the New York Rangers during the winter.

"Whether I play hockey for Les Patrick (Rangers' coach) or outfield for Indianapolis, I play to win at all times," Dill told writers a few days after reporting. "I guess I'm a hard loser."

The Tribe outfielder came to the club in a straight swap for Eddie Morgan, who had seen only part time action.

Dill's biggest night with the Hoosiers thus far was against his former Miller teammates on the current road swing. During a double-header he poked out two home runs and three doubles to drive nine runners across the plate.

Served in Coast Guard Dill, a native of St. Paul, served in the coast guard after breaking into professional hockey and baseball in 1941. After his discharge he played with Eddie Shore's Buffalo Bisons, where he gained the doubtful reputation as the American Hockey league's No. 1 "bad boy."

He never pulled away from a body check and his ability to lead a gang-play up the ice in typical Shogren manner earned him the promotion to the Rangers.

Dill wasn't any too happy with the Minneapolis baseball club this year and his play suffered. But since the transfer, his hitting has improved and his presence with the Tribe has brought new "hustle."

And there's another reason why Dill wants to make good this season and possibly earn a chance in the majors—he was married at the end of the 1944 campaign.

Score of 326 Wins Golf Derby

Dorothy Ellis, Mrs. Herschel Burney, Mrs. Carl Reiststock and Mrs. Tom Tussing teamed for a net total of 326 to win the first woman's golf derby ever held in Indiana yesterday at the Country Club of Indianapolis.

In second place at the end of the day's activities were the quartet of Louellen Trimble, Mrs. Guy Morrison, Mrs. Hal Benham and Mrs. Herbert Pinnell with 330.

Individual leaders included Alice O'Neal, Elizabeth Dunn and Miss Ellis, who tied for low gross honors at 85.

Low net honors were taken by Mrs. Pinnell who shot a 74 and Mrs. Ely Martindale who posted a 75.

Miss O'Neal was declared winner of the top award as a result of having the highest handicap, seven strokes.

Herman, at 42, Is Back With Dodgers

NEW YORK, July 4 (U. P.).—Floyd (Babe) Herman, whose outfield capers and powerful bat made him a favorite member of the Brooklyn Dodgers from 1926 through 1931, will return to the Dodgers as a pinch-hitter, club president Branch Rickey said last night.

"We have bought Herman from the Hollywood club because we need a dependable pinch-hitter to improve our pennant chances," Rickey said. The 42-year-old Herman bats and throws left-handed.

Clowns and Giants Will Play Tonight

The Indianapolis Clowns meet the Chicago American Giants in a doubleheader at 7:30 at Victory field, ending the first half schedule of the Negro American league tonight. Between games a huge fireworks show will be presented.

Vet Bomber Tries Mound Comeback

NEWARK, N. J., July 4.—A veteran of 35 missions over France and Germany has been signed by the Newark Bears. He is Jack McKinney, 25-year-old right-handed thrower who piloted a Flying Fortress and accumulated the air medal with five clusters, three battle stars for service in the ETO and a presidential citation.

The 6-foot-3-inch, 200-pound hurler received his discharge on points recently and has convinced Scout Johnny Nes that he's ready for a pitching comeback.

McKinney, a member of the Yankee organization before enlisting and former star athlete at Georgia Tech, served with the "Bloody 100th" bomber group of the 8th air force. His plane, the "Ramblin' Rebel," was shot down by anti-aircraft on his day off, after he had been on six missions that week.

Cubs Hammer 28 Hits, Bury Braves 24-2

NEW YORK, July 4 (U. P.).—Five Boston Braves' pitchers—one of them who normally plays second base—couldn't stop a rampaging Chicago Cubs team which belted out 28 hits yesterday and defeated the Braves by the near record score of 24 to 2.

The outburst of scoring approached the record 28 runs scored by the St. Louis Cardinals against the Philadelphia Phils July 6, 1920. The Cubs' total included one home run, eight doubles and 19 singles.

Nate Andrews, who started for Boston, left in the fourth inning after giving up eight runs. Three other pitchers had no better luck, so Manager Bob Coleman waved second-baseman Whitely Wietelman into the box. But he had the worst luck of all.

Holmes Holds Pace Wietelman gave up six hits, two walks and six runs in the ninth inning. Claude Passeau was the winner. The only bright spot in the Boston lineup was outfielder Tommy Holmes, who got three singles and ran his consecutive-game hitting streak to 29.

Heavy hitting also was the fashion at Philadelphia, where the Pittsburgh Pirates walloped the Phils, 10 to 3, with Frank Colman the big stickman. He hit two doubles and a homer, drove in five runs and scored four times.

Giants Up, Cards Down Harry Feldman's three-hit pitching gave the New York Giants a 3-to-2 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals last night, lifting the Giants into second place in the National league and dropping St. Louis to fourth.

The Cincinnati Reds made an early lead stand up last night, going on to beat the Brooklyn Dodgers, 5 to 1, behind Frank Dasso's pitching after scoring four runs in the second inning. Four Dodger errors contributed to the Red victory. A crowd of 26,953 turned out.

Felix Mackiewicz's triple with the bases loaded in the eighth inning gave the Cleveland Indians a victory over the New York Yankees before 12,103 fans at Cleveland last night.

Newhouse Halted Jim Wilson of the Boston Red Sox outpitched Hal Newhouse of the Detroit Tigers in a twilight game yesterday at Detroit, allowing but five hits as he shut out the league leaders, 4 to 0.

George Metkovich passed the Red Sox with three singles and a double, drove in two runs, scored one himself and stole a base.

Twilight League Cancels Games

Because of the holiday, no games are scheduled tonight in the Indianapolis Amateur Baseball association's Twilight league. Play will be resumed next Wednesday night with three games scheduled at Riverside park.

Shank Beats Zivic

PITTSBURGH, July 4 (U. P.).—Ruben Shank, Denver, last night outpunched aging Cpl. Fritz Zivic, Pittsburgh, former welterweight champion, to win a 10-round split decision at Forbes field. Shank carried the fight to Zivic. It was Zivic's 190th fight.

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