

Sports Sparks By Sarge

A busy humming can be heard all the field as the incoming basketball, volleyball and inter-squad athletic competition starts to shape up. The P. T. office is energetically devoting all of its time to the proper arrangements for these events and another batch of sure-fire hits are on the way.

In a subsequent issue we will "break" the whole story on the basketball setup, for one thing, Rough edges are now being trimmed off the schedules, rosters, et al, and everything will be in readiness for the starting whistles are long.

AROUND THE GYM

The boys at the old Sports Arena keep inquiring about "Happy" Fortane, the capable little boxing instructor? They miss the cheerful, diminutive one . . . S-Sgt. John McPherson, new teacher in the much-lamented department at the gym, is quite joyful at his new job up at the old Sports Arena. Last time they met Jackson came off dovetail to engage Toughie Al and, naturally, was not in the shape that he might have been in Jimmy wants that win and his quiet manner is a bad sign for Al in a rematch . . . Pvt. Gene Courtney, 70th Aviation, was dealt a stroke of hard luck when he hurt his right hand recently and he's not able to get into glove warfare for a spell . . . The 79th and the 71st are sure dufl setting the pace when it comes to entering their men through the various boxing shows. Come on, all you other squadrons, they can't do that to you! Send your boys into the rivalry and show up these leaders.

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POST LOSES ONE OF ACE BOXERS

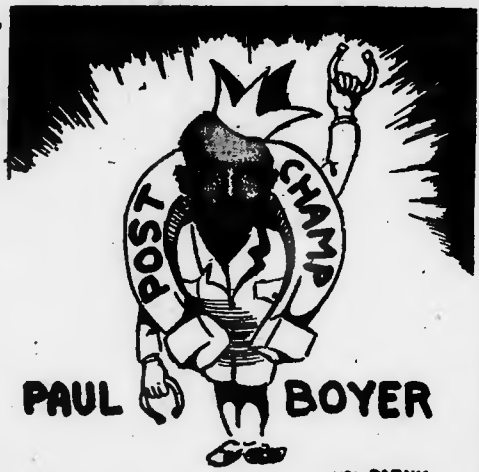
Pfc. Frankie Zeleznik, known to fight fans throughout the field for his fine performances, was honorably discharged from the Army last week due to a physical reason. The ex-79er will go to work for the Gramman Aircraft Corporation on Long Island, New York, as a construction specialist in the building tasks there. He has already worked on Navy Hellcats, Wildcats and Avengers and has a full knowledge of them. From working for the Army to working for the Navy in six easy lessons! A badly perforated ear drum was the cause of the medical discharge as the lack of protection afforded to the ears by the gas mask makes it impossible to use such disabled soldiers. He was and is a first-rate fighting man. A easy story of ring savvy, super-able footwork, speedy hands and power galore made him a treat to watch.

JOHNSON JOYTINGS

Few lines came in Wednesday's mail from ex-Air-O-MECH man, Sgt. Joe Bowers* at Greensboro for pre-flight cadet training. Joe reports that he loves the new job at hand and misses all his friends and that we should say "hello" for him. And a "Hello, Joe" right back at you, old c&sp punchin' and words of luck to you, Joey. This may seem small and very unimportant but a second thought will show you that it really swears these lines of type. To wit: When headed for either one of the Sports Arenas, please carry your sneakers with you instead of wearing them there. In the long run, all the grit carried onto the floor is gonna mean extra work for gym supervisors in order to keep the floor smooth and in working shape. Change when in the gym, itself . . . Some of last year's hoop stars still with us are Whitley Pappo, 79th, Gleggower, 10th Acad., and Mitchell of the Medics . . . They figure to be vital cogs in their teams running this year . . . Cpl. Charles Martinez, athletic supervisor of the new Sports Arena during the evening hours, sure has got his heart in his work. He takes great pains to make sure that everything goes off with liquid smoothness at the new palace of sports.

OFFICER'S CORNER

LT. Theodor K. Englund, with the S-1 office, is said to be a mighty man on the golf links as well as being an accomplished scuba diver on the gym mats. His primary at both back tips and toe shots is something to view . . . Sskat! Don't spend it about, but Lt. Lester Rosenblum who supervises the running off of our miniature Deanybreaks on Wednesday eve live fights, is present bearer of the championship of the Officers in Ring Fing competition Oh, yes big strong man, you! J. H.



PAUL BOYER

CPL. BOYER

Cavanaugh-Weinstein, Jackson-Miller Meet

As we go to press this issue, Post Champions have already been selected in the field-wide Ring Fing Tournament. However, headlines must be met and it was impossible to include any news at this time. Watch next week's issue for pictures and story of the finals.

All ready and rarin' to go are the four headliners in Wednesday evening's fight card to be held, as usual, at the Sports Arena. Al Cavanaugh, fresh from his hard-won triumph over Hank Miller two weeks ago, will defend his title as Post Middleweight Champ against that old favorite of yours, Hank Weinstein, the tough MP with the potent left hook. This figures to be a rip-roarin' pier sizer, with Cavanaugh attempting to keep out of the way of Weinstein's aforementioned left while he sends in his own powerful right. Both boys are in top shape for three tough rounds and have been working out all week.

On Guard!!



One of the many workouts taking place at the Sports Arena daily is seen above as Jimmy Jackson, left, spars with Pat Maschia. Al Cavanaugh keeps an intent eye on the proceedings as referee. Diver-ted and exciting are these make-believe scraps.

Co-featured with the Cavanaugh-Weinstein bout will be the scrap between ex-littleholder Jimmy Jackson, popular 80th Aviation group representative, and the 71th's Hank Miller. Miller made his first start at this post two weeks ago when he lost a split decision to Cavanaugh. Jackson, who kayped Johnny Trues on his last start, is still campaigning for a return go with Cavanaugh, who stripped him of his crown. Any fight Jackson is in figures to be a good one, while Miller gained a lot of friends with his fine showing last time. Miller, by the way, was Post Middleweight Champ at Keesler Field, before coming to Seymour Johnson, and tends to top this bright bauble at this post. With this incentive, and Jackson's hopes of another go with the Champ, it should be a scarp long-to-be-remembered in the annals of boxing here on the Post.

Strong Undercard
Around these two stellar attractions, Lt. Rosenblum and Sgt. Potrock Arena matchmakers, have built a solid supporting cast which will feature several familiar faces as well as a sprinkling of newcomers. As usual, the Arena will be packed to the doors, so come early if you want to get a seat. Admission is, as always free, but cheer the Post's cheering larvae at the door!

Handballers: Ten-shun!!

Filling a long-felt need at this post, the New Sports Arena, opposite the Service Club, opened last week the finest handball courts on field. Prominently featured, the new courts are especially designed to delight the lovers of this popular sport. Adaptable to every type of racket, the courts are equipped with a special room, just behind the main gym floor. Both handballs and gloves are available for use until closing time every evening. A Post Handball Tournament is definitely in the offing so all personnel interested are invited to try out the courts and get in shape.

Volleyball Tournament Starts Mon.

Next in Johnson Field's long line of tournaments, are the Post Volleyball games, which will start Monday evening at the New Sports Arena. Opposite Chapel number three. Teams from twenty different organizations here on the field are expected to take part in the ancient sport of "you bet 'em to me and I bet 'em to you."

Regular eliminations will take place on Monday and Tuesday, with the Post Champions being crowned on Wednesday. Last year's winners, the 82nd, are from inside reports, a good bet to cop, while last year's runners up, the Medics figure to be tough, too. We have been warned to watch the red-hot Headquarters Squadron, who fully recovered from their annual Squadron dance, have been practicing with a will.

It should be a crackerjack of a tournament, with six school squadrons represented as well as pertinent party teams. There will be no admission fee, and every one is invited to come and root their Squadron team home to victory.

She: "If you kiss me, I'll scream."
791: "But there's no one within hearing."
She: "Then what are you scared of?"

Inter-Squad Fites Pack Sports Arena

Completely unpublished, except by last-minute advertising, the First Inter-Squad boxing card ever presented here on the field, packed the Sports Arena last Wednesday night. Featuring an all-notice card made up of men who had never been in a ring before, the program made up in skill and gameness what it lacked in ring savvy and experience.

Sprit Shawa
Lt. Rosenblum, who directed and judged the bouts with Lt. Shapiro, and Sgt. Potrock and Shefts, were the highlight of the night, especially with the "esprit de corps" shown by members of the Student Organizations, who rooted for squadrons instead of men. The card presented consisted of fifteen two round bouts, featuring six student squadrons.
In the first set of five bouts, the 79th TSS team shaved the 79th, three bouts to two. Parrin Hill and Kelly turned in wins for the 79th, in outpointing Moore, Potter and Larson, while the two 79e wins were scored by Pacheco, who outscored Hebling, and Harris, who won on a forfeit from Jones.
79th Takes 2 of 3
The next set of five scraps saw the 84th TSS trim the 79th TSS, also three wins to two. Winners for the 79th were Becker, Teary, and Redder, who beat Paradise, Okapal and Vanderwest respectively. Redder scored a TKO over Vatrovics in the first round. Losers for the 79th were Marletti who lost to Martin, and Ogilvie, who was beaten by Stellard.
The final set of five bouts was won by the 71st as they shelled the 36th TSS, four bouts to one. These were the best bouts of the card, as the 71st scored a TKO over Nilman. Haywood, headed Marquee, Barker turned in a neat one round clean kayo over Holberg, and Fleming outpunched Lee.

Pin-Splitters . . .

High score at the Post Bowling Alley's last week was knocked off by Pfc. Tom Egan, with a tally of 223. He was presented with the weekly \$2.50 prize. Runners-up included Sgt. William Francione with a 220.

U. S. O. Hostess: "What's the difference between dancing and marching?"
Pfc. Les: "I don't know."
U. S. O. Hostess: "I thought so."

"Are you the soldier who saved my little boy from drowning?"
"Yes."
"Well where in the hell is his bait?"