



Sports Sparks By Sarge

Ole Sarge peered through the ropes of the boxing ring during last week's show and wondered if the boys up there knew what a grand show they were putting on. There was no half-hearted feeling from the coxers who participate—and certainly not from the crowd.

Headlines that read "hand-to-hand fighting taking place," brings about the very thing that Lt. Bill Marcus is instructing at the Sports Arena during certain periods of the day.

Cpl. Johnny Grant tells Ole Sarge about the thrilling baseball games the WAC have. He said they are the most nubile girls he has ever seen. The other day, while playing ball, one of them had to hurry to the base. Instead of sliding, she made what could be termed a "forced landing." Two teammates ran to the rosin only to slip in the mud themselves. The result was three pairs of white shorts smeared up at a very disreputable spot. Amen!

Lt. Bokman has explained the reason why the boxing programs are not permitted more than three rounds: "Because the shows are of an amateur nature, the rules and regulations call for three rounds. The reason for not having a draw is to give the winner clear sailing without having to fight a return bout. However, on several occasions, the decisions have been no closer than return bouts will be made.

Lt. Rosenblum says that he intends to have the hardballers play double headers on many of the forthcoming evenings in order to catch up on lost time brought about by the almost unremitting rain.

The large boxing classes are attracting attention these days from spectators who notice the unity of purpose behind each swing of aspiring pugilists. There is something about the movements in boxing which

Because of so many unfavorable remarks by the officers who appeared in a picture of the Sports Page last week, Ole Sarge would like to put something straight. SIBS, although Ole Sarge wrote the caption to the respective picture, the caption was correct. However, because of the shortage of skilled labor (there is a war), a typographical error was made in the Air-O-Mech's copy. For this reason and that reason alone, we forward our apologies.

is remarkably akin to those required of a smooth operating bayonet fighter. That this fact has been recognized by officers of the upper bracket of the Army Air Forces is apparent through their consistent backing of the boxing program.

The Ole Sarge never thought that he would see the day when he could imagine that the clenched fist fists of boxers would be the steering hand behind a bayonet lunge which might bring quick death to the enemy.

Correspondents more renowned than yours truly have been often heard droning in their S.S. to the effect that the worst set of World Champs are even now boxing in army camps all over the world. We were wondering which of the men here on the field would go farthest in the pro game. Naturally, the name of Jimmy Jackson, popular colored star, comes to the mind immediately. Jimmy is a hard puncher and seems to be able to take a punch very well. Of course he is very green, but it seems to us that he has definite possibilities. The big factor is stamina, and as long as he is called upon to fight a mere three rounds every two weeks, there is no way of telling how well he would do in later rounds of a longer bout.

Another whose name was mentioned was Herb Ridgeway. One sergeant we knew said he would like to manage and train Herb, and wanted to make him a winner in pro circles. But since this was B. B. (Before Sheeps) it may be discarded. What that same sergeant's opinion is now, we don't know. Tommy Monacelli, whose eccentric ring style has genuinely puzzled his opponents, seems to have what it takes, too. A strong puncher, and a quick one, he nevertheless can box well. Tommy swooped through the air in a tendency to telegraph his punches. Ivan Berry, who it is supposed that off-disputed decision to Monacelli last week has one fine quality, his ability to take a punch. He, too, hits hard and is fairly fast and with good coaching might conceivably make the top notch for money. Perhaps some day, Johnson Field men will be able to say about one of our leather pushers, "I knew him when..." Stranger things have happened.

Buddy's Plane Thrills Capital Crowd

Lt. Buddy Lewis, former Washington third baseman and in the care of Uncle Sam's flyers, gave Capital City fans an unmatched thrill June 27 — by air. Buddy had visited his old teammates before the games and told them he would be back at 4:30 p. m. via plane, to give them a salute after he took off for his return to Fort Benning, Ga. Right on the dot, a two-motored transport plane swooped low over the center field fence at Griffith Stadium and roared straight down the center of the field across home plate — so low that many fans held onto their seats.

The winged monster really stole the show. The players on the field, the umpires, the fans in the stands — all had their eyes fixed on the plane. George Case, Senator outfielder, who was ready to bat, threw the resin bag high in the air as Buddy roared over overhead. All the Washington players came out of the dugout and waved. But not another soul in the stadium knew what was going on — that this was the last saying goodbye to his old teammates. It was the first time in history, perhaps, that a ball player electrified a crowd by personally clearing a fence.

That flight over Griffith Stadium may be the last the fans will see of Lewis for quite awhile, as he will soon leave for overseas duty. Lewis served with the Senators for six full seasons prior to his induction, November 18, 1941, graduating from Chattanooga of the Southern Association during the 1935 and 1936 seasons.

Amer. Leaguers Take Annual Classic, 5-3

The annual Major League All-Star Baseball Game came off on June 15, 1943, despite war conditions, and saw the American Leaguers finish ahead of the Senator Loop stars, 5 to 3. Tuesday night at Shibe Park, Philadelphia, the pitcher was Dutch Leonard of the Washington Senators and the loss was tagged on Morten Cooper, St. Louis Cardinals. Johnny Vander Meer, of double no-hit fame, performed superbly for the National Leaguers. In his allotted three innings time on the hill he struck out six men.

Bobby Doerr, Boston Red Sox, hit an important 3 run homer into the upper left field tier, which served as the decider in the contest. Dom DiMaggio of Pittsburgh slapped one into the stands for the losers.

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	47	.34
Brooklyn	47	.34
Pittsburgh	39	.35
Cincinnati	39	.35
Philadelphia	35	.45
Chicago	34	.44
Boston	32	.40
New York	30	.47
AMERICAN LEAGUE		
W.	L.	Pct.
New York	43	.50
Detroit	38	.51
Washington	40	.51
Chicago	36	.50
St. Louis	36	.50
Cleveland	26	.47

Action Promised In Boxing Card

Zing! Zing! Zing! That's just about the time that the regular leather will sing this Wednesday at the old Sports Arena when our Military Mailers from Seymour Johnson Field collide over the standard three-round route. Show time is 2:00.

Many past performers will appear in attempts to continue the victory streak and, in other cases, to score their first win at the field. An old favorite of the patrons, Pfc. Sammy Voe, will meet with Harry Weinstein of the Guard Squadron. Ivan Berry, John Farrell, Herbie Ridgeway, Pete Mackinn, Stanley Robertson, etc., are some of the other names slated to be seen.

Come early and don't miss any of the night's activities as our men keep the leather flying, hitting and landing.

OFFICERS MEET 913TH TUESDAY

Planning to recast a set of orders they were forced to accept on the fourth of July, the 913th Guard Squadron puts their softball team on the field against their recent conquerors, the Officer All Stars this evening.

The MPs suffered an 8 to 5 defeat during the last tussle, but were not playing at full strength, since their star pitcher, Major Murr, is ever, with their tosser box and 20 straight wins tucked safely under their belt, the Guard boys are confident of beating the Officers. The game will feature a tossing duel between Major B. Murr and Pvt. Raymond Bobber. The latter was greatly missed during the last engagement. Major Murr is expected to repeat the fine pitching in Tuesday's game.

The game will be held at the Officer's diamond.

Sports Slants From Other Camps

The Dodgers' Pete Reiser, the Cardinals' Johnny Beasley, Washington's Cecil Travis and other former big league stars now going to fight probably take part in the national semi-pro baseball tournament to be played in Wichita, Kan. in August. Reiser is now playing for Ft. Riley, Kan., Beasley is pitching for the 32nd (Tenn.) Air Base and Travis is manager and shortstop of the Camp Wheeler (Ga.) nine.

Up and down Jacobs Beach in New York they are talking about the possibilities of a summer match between Hammering Henry Armstrong and Cpl. Ray Robinson, "uncrowned heavyweight king of the world." Robinson is stationed at Mitchell Field, N. Y.

Latest big leaguers to be re-classified 1-A in the draft are Jimmy Wadell, versatile infielder - outfielder of the Phillies, and Dick Wakefield star freshman outfielder of Detroit.

Lighthorse Harry Wilson, All American star at West Point and former pitcher for the 32nd (Tenn.) Air Base, is also with the AAF in the Pacific, recently was promoted to Captain.

BASEBALL LEAGUE STANDING

As Of July 15		W.	L.
Team			
12th Mees		6	1
801st		4	2
79th		5	3
79th		3	4
79th		3	4
802nd		3	4
Medics		3	5
80th		0	5
SOFTBALL STANDING		W.	L.
Team			
533rd AB		20	0
Medics		14	2
11th Acad.		13	3
Hq. Hq.		12	6
Hq. Hq.		11	11
12th Mees		9	6



PHOTOGRAPH INSTRUCTOR—Harvey Anton attached to the F. T. Dept. is shown watching Sgt. Frank Pitt, 708 Tst. Co. (top) apply a Jiu jitsu hold on Pfc. Dan Matecki, 796th T.S.S., during a training session at the Sports Arena.

Well-Known Pro Boxer Is Popular Ref

The sharp-eyed, tanned Adonis with the gorjuss curly hair who refs at our Seymour Johnson Field boxing shows and does it in such a polished manner is known to his buddies for his background as a professional boxer. Do they know what else he has tried his hand at? Most of them don't. In addition to his other fields of sport, boxing, all figured in his career prior to making the U. S. Army his work.

Backed by M. Berle He is 8-Sgt. Vincent J. Cutrone, fighting name J. J. Cutrone, and at present he is with the 913th Guard Squadron and keeping the men assigned to him in finest shape. Cutrone fought out of New York for the two year span of his



professional career. He was managed by well-known "Goodtime" Charlie Friedman and at one time was backed by Milton Berle, comedy star of stage, screen and radio. Near the outset of his fighting days he had a win streak of eleven straight victories, ten of these being by the K. O. route.

The apex of his pugilistic life was his meeting with Abe Simon, giant Hebrew from Richmond Hill, N. Y., in California in August of '37. Simon is over the 250 pound mark and also stands higher than 6' 4". Having this Colossus before him, Cutrone was later to tangle twice with Joe Louis, supreme ringstar of the decade, loomed as a well nigh unsurmountable hurdle for the young Easterner. Cutrone, clipping on the bout show that the nod of the officials went to Simon but at so told the tale of a valiant try for victory made by 8-Sgt. "Jimmy" who lost out because of a last round spurge by Simon.

Cutrone is doing a great job as physical trainer to our soldiers and is well fitting them for the strenuous days that may lay ahead. He serves in an all around capacity "teaching up" procedure is passing on to the men and also spends a bit of time at the gym imparting his learnings in self defense to all willing students of the art. This "teaching up" procedure is perhaps the most important phase of a soldier's training and 8-Sgt. Vincent J. Cutrone is one of the many who serve well and make this program a success.

802nd Nips 799-3-2

Those clouds up in the sky washed out two of the three scheduled baseball contests at the Medics Diamond this past Sunday.

802nd rallied in the late innings to squeeze out an exciting 1 to 2 upset over the runner - up 799th. Fay Depriest pitched for the 802nd and lost his third game in eight starts. He's catcher P. A. Cherenko, onetime Brooklyn Dodger, had three hits in the losing cause.

The fighting 802nd got their "winning run" in the seventh of the closely waged game and hung on to it.

Guards Continue Lead In Softball

The 913th Guard Squadron continues to lead the pack in the Post Softball league with an even score of 20 victories and nary a loss. They are champing at the bit in their anxiety to clash with the Officers again.

Because of failure to appear for scheduled games some of the teams have been eliminated from the Post Softball League and the teams now in the competition are the following: 793rd TSS, 3d TSS, 794th TSS, 799th SS, 33d AB, 913th Guard, Medics, 11th Academic, 10th Academic, 12th Mees, and Ed. sq. and the 36th students. Juppe Pluvius has been the cause of plenty trouble for the schedulers at the F. T. Department.

Induction of Willie Pep has given the Navy four world champions. They are Featherweight Pep, Welterweight Freddy (Red) Caccarone, Middleweight Tony Zale and Light Heavyweight Gus Lesnichuk. The Army, however, still have the Number One fighter, Sgt. Joe Lewis and the Marines have the Number One fighting fighter, Sgt. Barney Ross.

decided to quit the ranks of the salaried leather slingers.

Versatile Individual Cutrone went into the theatre management business after his retirement from the hempen square. Then came playing of bit parts in Universal-made movie pictures along with doubling for Noah Berry Jr. Back in New York, he was boxing instructor at the Finishing, L. I. Y. M. C. A. He, too, was assistant line coach for the young Easterner, Cutrone. Clipping on the bout show that the nod of the officials went to Simon but at so told the tale of a valiant try for victory made by 8-Sgt. "Jimmy" who lost out because of a last round spurge by Simon.

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