



Sports Sparks By Sarge

Many apologies to S-Sgt. Jimmy Cutrone for the error which appeared in last week's story concerning his fictitious background. The story read that Cutrone had been knocked down nine times by Marty Lieberman in the first round of their fight—it should have read just vice versa. Cutrone clipped Lieberman instead.

Some of the best sportsmanship on the field is evident these days during calisthenics when GIs grab bats, a softball and a glove or two and rush to a diamond for a few minutes of impromptu playing. Even though the man on first base may not know the difference between it and home, and even though the pitcher loses every ball right down the middle, his teammates and the opposing side doesn't object. They know that he's trying. And if he tries, that is all they ask. That's sportsmanship.

When you get in the Army and every man wears a uniform, you engender an appreciation for your fellow man that many times was previously lacking. This shows up in soldier sports, where "the game is the thing," and it isn't whether you're exceptional at such and such a sport but whether you "can take it" and try again. The Army loves a good loser. And it's an affection that many of us didn't have when we wore mufti.

ALL-STAR HIGHLIGHTS—Officers felt the lack of defeat Tuesday night when the 913th topped them 7 to 5 in a return match. Pvt. Ray Bobber, pitcher for the MPs, was found to be all that he was "cracked-up" to be. His stellar pitching kept the game on an even keel and even though the pitcher loses every ball right down the middle, he's trying. And if he tries, that is all they ask. That's sportsmanship.

If a fellow is interested in bowling, and has his eyes set on the opening of the Bowling Alleys around the first of August, the guy to get real friendly with is T-Sgt. John Evans, who will be the big gun of the set-up. According to John, there will be no partiality shown to anyone. Every man will be able to bowl as an individual. But his main interest is in the leagues amongst the squadrons. Second enlisted man in charge of the alleys will be Pvt. Bill McCready.

Just in case some GIs would for a minute think that women are allergic to the sight of blood, well, they would soon change their mind if they would attend one of the boxing shows. Officer's wives and EM's friends can be heard screaming, "Chip him in the belly! Hit him, Oosh Booy! He's down—it serves him right!"—and so goes the side coaching and fan yelling of our dear weaker sex.

The 794th Technical School Squadron was added to the hardball league this week. Up to this time, the 794th has not played any games, but will catch up to other league members by playing double headers and twilight games.

Well, degresso W: Here we are about to close out this column all most forgetting to congratulate two of our finest officers, Lt. Rosenblum and Eckman, on their promotion to First Lieutenantcy. Our warmest good wishes go out to the sweetest fellows at the Sports Arena. Double bars soon, we hope!

913th, All Stars Even Rivalry As Guards Win

The 913th Guard Squadron evened their score with the All-Star Officers softball team this past Tuesday eve when they defeated them seven to five at the Officer's diamond.

With Commanding Officer Colonel Donald B. Smith tossing out the opening ball, the contest commenced before an excited crowd. Among those present were Wood, Col. Elmer Col. Updegraff, and many other known figures from Seymour Johnson Field.

Capitalizing on an "in the park" homer by Corp. Ted Serlin, 4th's guards had three runs in the third inning (explicit details on the circumstances surrounding the scoring blow may be found in Sport Sparks). These three tallies proved to be the deciding agents in the final summation.

The Commissioned Outlers had started, off the third inning with a walk for Captain Frank and a brace of runs. Sparking this outburst was a homer by Cpl. Fred Jones of the Guards.

Try as they might, the Officers couldn't score in the seventh and last session and thus the team play score stood even at one win each for the two teams. A rubber match is now in order.

BOOBLYN —/— Billy Herman who is having one of his best years, went through the first half of the season with the Dodgers without going hitless more than two consecutive games.

913th Leading With Trophy In Sight

Lt. Elden P. Eckman, Director of Physical Training, from his office in the Sports Arena announced that the Post Softball League here at Seymour Johnson will be brought to a close in approximately three weeks. Competition is still on with the winner as yet not definitely decided. Upon the completion of the schedule, trophies will be awarded to the leading team and the runner up.

The present leader of the league is the "light" flyin' 913th Guard Squadron. They've won all of their 20 games and are threatened only by the 36 T.S.S. who've dropped one contest while taking 12 victories.

Right on the tails of 913th and the 36th are the 793rd, 799th and the 96th Divisions. Rounding out the top are the following teams: 33rd, A. B., Medics, 11th Acad., 10th Acad., Hq. and Hq., 794th and the 12th M. G.

2-Hit Shutout

The 901st T. S. S. solidified their hold on first place in the Seymour Johnson Field Baseball League by whitewashing the 797th T. S. S., 4-0, Wednesday evening at the 4th's diamond.

Ken Herman of the 901st earned the plaudits of the spectators by his superb bowling team; 33rd, 797th, 799th and the 96th. The 797th T. S. S. threw the fatal third strike past the lumber of 13 of the opposing men. Two hits were all that was garnered off Ken's outfields. It was one of the freshest hurling jobs of the season.

Ivan Berry Defeats Monacelli; Thriller



THE LEATHER BEARER—Stepping sprightly down the steps in front of the Sports Arena is Boxing Instructor Forrest Petray with an armful of gloves to be dried in the sun outside the Arena.

Buddy O'Grady Goes To OCS

Francis "Buddy" O'Grady left Johnson Field this week for P. T. O.C.S. at Miami Beach, Fla. "Buddy" was one of the real sport celebrities on this field having been one of the All-time greats in basketball for the vaunted Georgetown University team. He was selected as All-American last year through a consensus of authorities on the game. He set many a scoring record at the Washington, D. C. school and remains one of their favorite alumni.

His brilliant playing for the 790th T.S.S. hoopers during the winter tourneys here highlighted that amateur's engagements. We'll be waiting to hear from you, Buddy, and hope that you scoot right through school in the same manner that you went through rival basketball defenses.

BASEBALL LEAGUE STANDING

Team	W.	L.
801st	7	2
12th Mess	4	3
793rd	4	3
797th	4	3
Medics	5	5
802nd	4	5
797th	3	5
794th	0	0

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

- Sunday, July 25
 - 1800 802nd vs. Medics
 - 1900 792nd vs. 793rd
 - 1930 797th vs. 794th
- Monday, July 26
 - 1830 12 Mess vs. 797th
 - 1850 801st vs. 794th
- Tuesday, July 27
 - 1830 802nd vs. 793rd
 - 1830 Medics vs. 797th
- Wednesday, July 28
 - 1830 12 Mess vs. Medics
 - 1850 794th vs. 793rd
- Thursday, July 29
 - 1800 802nd vs. Medics
 - 1830 801st vs. 797th
- Friday, July 30
 - 1830 12 Mess vs. 794th
 - 1830 801st vs. 793rd

NATIONAL LEAGUE

- Batting—Musial, St. Louis, 341;
- Herman, Brooklyn 331.
- Runs—Vaughan, Brooklyn 73;
- Musial, St. Louis 58
- Runs batted in—Herman, Brooklyn 65; Nicholson, Chicago 63
- Hits—Musial, St. Louis 114;
- Vaughan, Brooklyn 110.
- Doubles—Herman, Brooklyn 26;
- McCarty, Boston 23
- Tripled—Musial, St. Louis 13;
- Russell, Pittsburgh 9
- Home runs—Cok, New York 14;
- Nicholson, Chicago 13
- Stolen bases—Vaughan, Brooklyn 13; Cok, New York; Gaudin, Pittsburgh, and Lowrey, Chicago 7.
- Pitching—Brewell, Pittsburgh, 16
- 2; Kriet, St. Louis 7-1

Today a four ago-Yankess eleven game winning streak broken as Indians win in 11th, 3 to 2.

From the depths of the unknown, Ivan Berry came back Wednesday night to knockout the undefeated Tomas Monacelli in the most exciting and main bout of the evening before the customary large crowd at the Sports Arena. Although Berry made his debut two weeks ago, he was defeated by Monacelli in the first fight. The decision was so close, that for the first time at Johnson Field, two men were rematched. The result was the amazing victory for Berry.

The hard punching Monacelli, from Washington State, is no doubt, a tough opponent, and proved it by going on an even keel for the first round. However, the much more experienced Berry kept clipping him with a fast one that spelled ultimate defeat for the former. During the last round, Monacelli went down for the first time in his histic career here. But he was up with a short count. He retaliated somewhat, but the telling blows had already taken effect. Berry slammed home with a terrific right that paralyzed Monacelli's stance and also his winning streak.

Mike Jacobs Donates Ring Equipment

Mike Jacobs, internationally known boxing promoter from New York City, was donor of a handsome gift of boxing equipment to the Sports Arena here at Seymour Johnson Field this past week. Serving as president of Boxing's Service Athletic Fund, with headquarters on Broadway in New York, Jacobs sent along much needed and greatly appreciated paraphernalia.

The Service Fund gathers its finances by way of small percentages deducted from the purses of fighters around New York. When some of the big Jacobs' bout carnivals are staged, the take runs into real money and helps the cream of cash into the fund coffers. Other sources also contribute to this servicemen's aid.

Received were: sets of twelve ox boxing gloves, pairs of striking gloves, slipping ropes, boxing trunks, headguards, etc.

Much benefit will be derived from the new equipment, and already the boys are making good use of it. A letter of gratitude to the fund has been sent telling how much the Johnson Field gym habitués welcomed the material.

Medics Rise In Standings

Those baseballers from the Medics are getting greedy! They go and take the Post Basketball Championship a few months ago and now it seems that they're casting hungry looks at the royal crown that goes to the kings in baseball at Seymour Johnson Field.

Playing the opening game of Sunday's tripeheader at the Medics oval at 1300, they need but to take their game from the 802nd to be really within reach of 1st place in the league.

Coached by Lt. Ricci, they are showing the same sort of tactics used in their hoop competition of last winter. Starting every 10 or they dropped a few in a row and then came to the front with a rush to cop the blue ribbon. Their hard ball team is doing the same thing and are definitely the team to watch in this league. They will be going out after their fifth consecutive win Sunday.

The 793rd and the 797th at the same time on Sunday and the 797th T. S. S. close up the days action with a contest against the 794th, new arrival to the league.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

W.	L.	Pct
St. Louis	53	.590
Brooklyn	50	.575
Pittsburgh	44	.507
Cincinnati	43	.506
Boston	35	.449
Philadelphia	28	.447
Chicago	27	.445
New York	23	.51

AMERICAN LEAGUE

W.	L.	Pct.
New York	47	.556
Washington	45	.530
Detroit	43	.523
Chicago	39	.500
St. Louis	39	.494
Philadelphia	38	.493
Boston	34	.487
Philadelphia	27	.466

Erreger Scores KO
Another knockout was scored when Ralph Krueger of the 794th met Mario Avignone in the 175-pound division. Both boys came out blazing and from the very start and from wherever they could get enough leverage to swing. Both men hit hard, and neither had any defense. The bout ended abruptly when Krueger landed home a "killer punch" that rattled Avignone from his fast moving perch. The knockout came in 1 minute and 8 seconds of the second round.

Lloyd Walker, from Kansas City, weighing 175 found a nod from the judges by beating Edwin Marx, of Cedar Rapids, Mich. The fight was a close, but not too fast fight. Walker proved more aggressive, however, and did land the harder and cleaner blows.

George Sabolish, lanky fighter from the Keystone state took a close decision from William Concha. The judges awarded a 10-9 former the decision which proved a very unpopular choice to the fans. Sabolish suffered a deep cut over the right eye. The blood running down his right eye hampered his vision during the match minutes of the fight without a scratch. This particular bout was settled in favor of the doctor who was a grand rally of flaying fists. Concha, despite his loss, proved to be a cool boxer.

Unpopular Decision
Fight fans went wild over the decision handed Richard Andrea who was given the nod over Joe Romano in a lightweight tussle. Romano scored with straight hard punches but he was hit by a slipper during the second round, he lost the round on a foul. The third round found Romano hitting Andrea with everything but the last bit ended up a round rally of flaying fists. Concha, despite his loss, proved to be a cool boxer.

Undefeated Jimmy Jackson, undefeated colored ace of the 80th Aviation Company, lost to merrily round victory lane by upsetting the apple cart for Johnny Hart, husky former lead, by winning on a decision. Hart proved quite the wary type and scored with a number of hits to sting Jackson in every round. But Jackson came back in his striking style in the last chapter to outpoint and outclass the Pa. boy. Funny incident happened during the fight when Jackson was hit by a 4-4. From throwing the blow, Hart went off balance and pushed Jackson through the ropes which resulted in a complete flip for the latter who landed a series of blows on the left eye and over the apron of the ring. The steady pounding of Jackson was not matched by Hart.

Clarence (Boutney) Busheli and Forrest Kirkpatrick, met in the 125-pound class and demonstrated the latest dance steps by touring the ring and keeping out of each others way. Ecomes a 4-4 though both boys were a little afraid of each other. But the second and third round resulted in plenty of action. Busheli won the decision, but he had a sore cut over the left eye and a severe swollen right eye.

Five Thugs Down
Carlos Flores fought a boy from his own town of Houston, Texas, and beat him in the heavier class. Flores went down five times in the first and second rounds of his bout with Nathan Rogers, but sunk back up each time to keep out of the latter to gain a TKO in the last part of the second round.