

SMOKE RINGS

Friday The 13th

By SAM RAGAN

Ladies and gentlemen, uncross your fingers long enough for me to remind you that this is "jinx day." Good old Friday the 13th, it is, and it is only proper that you be warned to keep all shenanigans to a minimum on this day.

Black cats may cross and recross your path, you may walk under all the ladders you like and you may make all of the common mistakes that lead to a jinx, but don't overlook a Friday the 13th. It's bad medicine.

Code Of Ethics
One of the major items that is supposed to come up at the meeting of Southern Conference coaches in Charlotte Saturday is a "code of ethics" in the recruiting of football talent.

SOUTHERN CIRCUIT TO MEET SATURDAY
Membership Bid Of Colonials To Be Heard; Executive Board Meets Today
CHARLOTTE, Dec. 12.—(P)—A meeting of the executive committee tomorrow afternoon will precede the annual meeting of the Southern Conference here Saturday.

But whether the matter will be renewed in the discussions is not known, as it probably hinges on whether some coach in the circuit has been burnt in his dealings with prospects over the past year or not.

Yanks Sale Deal To Be Completed In Few Days

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—(P)—The \$4,000,000 deal for the purchase of the New York Yankees by a group headed by James A. Farley will be completed within the next few days, brokers in the negotiations said today.

The office of Brown, Wheelock, Harris, Stevens, Inc., said there never has been any question involving the cash in the transaction, and that final details have been practically ironed out.

CAROLINA WINS
CHAPEL HILL, Dec. 12.—(P)—North Carolina's Southern Conference swimming champions placed heavily in seven of nine events and easily beat William and Mary 53 to 23 in the season's opener here today.

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 12.—(P)—Fred Corcoran, P.G.A. tournament bureau manager, announced today that a \$11,000 open offering the largest purse so far in the 1941 schedule would be played next Sept. 4-7 at Chicago.

TRIBE MAKES DEAL WITH BOSTON

INDIANS OBTAIN WALKER, BAGBY

Red Sox Get Pytlak, Hale And Dobson In First Major Swap In League

CLEVELAND, Dec. 12.—(P)—The Cleveland Indians tonight announced a three-cornered deal intended to bolster their outfield and pitching staff.

The tribe obtained outfielder Gerald Walker, Pitcher Jim Bagby, Jr., and Catcher Gene DeSautels from the Boston Red Sox in exchange for Catcher Frankie Pytlak, Infielder Odel Hale and Pitcher Joe Dobson.

The Red Sox traded Outfielder Roger Cramer to the Washington Senators for Walker before the deal could be completed, Indians officials said.

The deal was completed at Chicago today by C. C. Slapnicka, Indians' vice president, and President Tom Yawkey and Manager Joe Cronin for the Red Sox, representatives of the Cleveland baseball club reported.

With the acquisition of Walker, the Indians hope to give the outfield the batting punch it lacked in Cleveland's World Series pennant drive last season.

The 31-year-old Walker, a native of Gulfport, Miss., averaged 100 runs batted in per season for the past five years, accounting for 96 with the Senators last summer. He previously played with Detroit's Tigers and the Chicago White Sox.

"I'm delighted with the deal," said Roger Peckinpaugh, recently appointed manager of the tribe. "As I see it, we got exactly what we went after without giving up anything but Dobson's prospects. And don't forget that Bagby has some prospects, too."

Bagby, 24, son of a hero of Cleveland's 1920 pennant-winning team, won 10 games against 16 losses for Boston last year, and can win upwards of 10 games for the Indians during the coming season, Peckinpaugh believes. He joined the Red Sox in 1938.

Dobson, 24-year-old right hander from Durant, Okla., won only three and lost seven games last season. DeSautels, 33, Red Sox first string catcher since 1937, "will be every bit as good as Pytlak" as a second-string catcher for the Indians, Peckinpaugh declared. The catcher started with Detroit in 1939.

Both Pytlak and Hale have been popular with Cleveland fans, but they knew the fiery little catcher probably would be offered in trade for an outfielder. Both players have been with Cleveland since 1933 and the previous year played together at Toledo. Both are 31.

Hale, used mainly as a pinch-hitter the past two seasons, batted .224 last summer.

FLOWERS KILLS TWO DEER WITH ONE SHOT

Joel Moore Also Economizes On Ammunition, Killing Three 'Coons At Once
SOUTHPORT, Dec. 12.—(P)—Brimstone county is this week presenting two decidedly screwy, but authentic, sport stories, dealing with hunting.

This week Rossie Flowers of Winabow was a member of a party of deer drivers in the Green Swamp, 17 miles from Southport. A big buck deer came charging out of the woods and Flowers took a snapshot at it with his twelve gauge gun, loaded with buckshot.

The buck sprang into the air and dropped dead, so did another big buck just on the other side of the one that Flowers shot at. In the excitement of the moment he had not noticed the second animal, running beside the first.

Joel Moore, Jr., Southport school boy, also comes forward this week with a verified story of an extraordinary shooting feat. He was out after squirrels and noticed a very unusual looking "nest" in the forks of a tree.

Hogan, Loving Lead In \$10,000 Miami Open

Jimmy Wilson Is Voted No. 1 Comeback Of Year

Shaughnessy Ranks Second In Poll; Series Catcher Gets 102 Votes

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Out of necessity 40-year-old Jimmy Wilson went behind the plate for the Cincinnati Reds in this fall's World Series. He was only a fill-in for Ernie Lombardi but he did such a grand job of catching that today he was voted the year's No. 1 comeback in the annual Associated Press poll.

Seventy-eight sports editors from every section of the country gave Jimmy 102 votes for a courageous performance that included perfect handling of the Reds' hurlers for the 11 games, a .353 batting average and the only stolen base of the series.

Twenty-three of the writers placed the new Chicago Cubs manager at the top of the list. Twenty-four of them gave the No. 1 berth to Clark Shaughnessy, Stanford football coach, but Wilson received more second and thirds and won by six points on a 3-2-1 scoring basis.

There's no question but that Wilson qualified on all counts under the heading of "comebacks in individual competition." But the same can't be said regarding Shaughnessy. Stanford's football team did come back from the cellar to the Pacific coast conference championship but the ability of Shaughnessy as a coach never was questioned even in his leanest years at the University of Chicago.

Baseball players easily dominated the poll, 13 of them receiving votes. Detroit's Schoolboy Rowe, although a failure in the World Series, did such a fine job of helping the Detroit Tigers win the American league pennant that he ranked third with nine firsts and 57 points. Fred Fitzsimmons, veteran Brooklyn hurler who won 16 and lost two, polled 23 points. Dick Bartell of the Tigers, Lou Finney of the Red Sox, Tex Carleton of the Dodgers and Dizzy Dean of the Cubs were other ball players that received five or more points.

Lawson Little's winning of the U. S. open golf title, his first national championship since leaving the amateur ranks, was considered such a fine comeback that he was given three first place votes and a total of 49 for fourth place. Max Baer received 23 votes for knocking out Tony Galento and Pat Comiskey and Gene Sarazen 20 for his good showing in golf competition.

Bill Decorrevont, Northwestern football star, with 15 and Bartell, with 14, were the only others that received more than ten votes.

Oddities, in addition to Shaughnessy's strong showing, were four votes for Seabiscuit, who came out of retirement to win the Santa Anita handicap and top all race horses in money earned, and a first place vote for Joe Di Maggio, who was runner-up for the outstanding athlete of 1939.

Although this was a poll for individual comebacks, single votes were given to Rice's football team for its improvement in its first year under Jess Neely and Arkansas for beating Mississippi 21-20 after trailing 0-20 with nine minutes to play.

TIGERS SELL FOX TO BOSTON CLUB

Undisclosed Amount Of Cash Paid For Outfielder In Detroit's First Sale

DETROIT, Dec. 12.—(P)—Ervin (Pete) Fox, a ball player who gained a large following in Detroit by consistent, workmanlike performance, was sold today by the Tigers to the Boston Red Sox for an undisclosed amount of cash.

The 31-year-old outfielder, native of Evansville, Ind., had patrolled the Tiger gardens for eight seasons. "Pete wasn't a regular here last year and we didn't figure he would make the grade in 1941," said General Manager Jack Zeller of the Tigers. "A change in scenery may benefit him. Everyone connected with the Tigers wishes Fox every success with the fine Boston club."

Announcement of the deal probably didn't surprise Fox because for long there has been gossip saying he was to be involved in this trade or that one. Barred from trading by the American league rule against a pennant winner, the Tigers today made one of the few straight cash sales in the history of the club.

Fox came to the Tigers in the spring of 1933 after having been developed at Beaumont of the Texas league by Del Baker, present Detroit manager. Fox was a Tiger regular through 1939, boasting a seven year major league batting average of .303. Last season he alternated in right field with Bruce Campbell and Earl Averill, two former Cleveland Indians. He batted .289 in 93 games.

FIVE GAMES ARE ON CAGE SLATE

Church School Cagers Resume Play At Y Tonight; Calvary, Covenant Top Loops

Sunday School basketball teams are booked for five games on the Y.M.C.A. court this week-end, three by the Friday loop and two in the Saturday afternoon circuit.

The schedule: Friday night league: 8 p. m. Southside vs. Lutheran Mission; 8:20 p. m. Grace vs. Epworth; 9:20 p. m. Calvary vs. Tabernacle.

Saturday league: 3 p. m. First Presbyterian vs. Hi-Y; 3:20 p. m. First Baptist vs. Covenant.

The league leading Calvaryites had a bad scare handed them last week when the Lutheran Mission team staged a last period rally to come within a single point of a tie and will face another tough foe tonight in the Tabernacle quintet, which has lost only once.

The Saturday leaders were topped last week by a rejuvenated and inspired Hi-Y quint, which thus served notice on all comers that it is not yet out of this race.

FRIDAY LEAGUE

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct.
Team: Calvary (5-0, 1.000), Tabernacle (3-1, .750), Immanuel (3-2, .600), Grace (2-2, .500), Southside (1-3, .250), Lutheran Mission (1-3, .250), Epworth (0-4, .000)

SATURDAY LEAGUE

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct.
Team: Covenant (2-1, .666), First Presbyterian (2-1, .666), First Baptist (1-2, .333), Hi-Y (1-2, .333)

GEORGIA IS SET FOR NEXT SEASON

ATHEENS, Ga., Dec. 12.—(P)—Don't waste any sympathy on Coach Wally Butts of Georgia. . . He'll do all right with his Bulldogs on the gridiron next year. . . The man has 23 of his 29 lettermen coming back, including first-string starters at every position. . . not to mention his star backs, Frankie Sinkwich, Cliff Kimsey, Lamar Davis and Jim Todd. . . And for a bonus a great freshman squad is coming up. The Bulldog schedule soon to be announced will include South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Columbia, Dartmouth, Auburn, Florida and Georgia Tech. . . Tulane and Kentucky, played this year, are absent.

Minute meditations—Bill Keefe in the New Orleans Times-Picayune: "I wonder if Mussolini has a five-year contract?"

Hot stove stuff—Col. Bob Allen, who first introduced night baseball in the Southern league at Little Rock, vows he'll never fool with lights as long as he owns the Knoxville franchise. . . The Pittsburgh Pirates may "angel" Moultrie's Packers in the Georgia-Florida league. . . Pat Riley, Albany (Ga.) outfielder a couple of seasons back, is a fair bet to manage Valdosta in the same league in '41.

PLAYER RECRUITING TO BE RESTRICTED IN LOOP

ATHENS, Ga., Dec. 12.—(P)—Voluntary restriction of player recruiting in the Southeastern conference was asked tonight of its coaches and athletic directors by Athletic Commissioner Mike Conner.

Meeting in closed session with the coaches and directors on the eve of the eighth annual conference meeting, Conner asked adoption of "a code by gentlemen's agreement" which would ban high pressure proselyting and "freshman snatching," the existence of which was charged within the conference prior to Conner's appointment last August.

BOWLING

Table with columns: Name, Total, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Total
CIVIC LEAGUE: Curtis (372, 146, 136, 474), Doshier (337, 128, 292), King (380, 338, 334, 438), Taylor (332, 142, 144, 418), Mauge (337, 114, 138, 389), Dreher (187, 137, 137)
Total: 764, 677, 687, 2138
Civitas: Canady (1, 2, 3, 3), Pitt (180, 162, 193, 535), Rehcer (142, 116, 103, 361), Woodbury (162, 167, 127, 456), McKoy (79, 78, 105, 262)
Total: 687, 683, 687, 2017

HEAFNER IS TIED FOR THIRD SPOT

White Plains Pro Cards Three-Under-Par 67 To Top Field In First Round

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 12.—(P)—Ben Hogan, of White Plains, N. Y., the mightiest little man in golf, cracked out a three-under-par 67 today to share the first round lead in the \$10,000 Miami open with hitherto obscure Ben Loving of Springfield, Mass.

Hogan, front runner in the stretch battle for the year's money-winning honors, took a three-stroke margin over the number two man, Jimmy Demaret of Houston, Texas, and had a two shot lead over Sam Snead of Hot Springs, Va., third high.

Twenty-one golfers equalled or bettered par despite a brisk southeasterly wind.

Clayton Heafner, the big blond from Linville, N. C., and the veteran Ed Dudley of Augusta, Ga., scored 68's.

Seven professionals, including Snead, sliced a stroke off par with 69's. Among these was the days hard-luck player, Harold (Jug) McSpaden of Winchester, Mass., who took a penalty stroke after a long conference following his round.

Jimmy Thomson of Chocopee, Mass., who also carded a 69, charged that McSpaden's ball moved while he was addressing it on the fourteenth green. The penalty gave McSpaden a five on the par three hole.

Others at the 69 notch were P. G. A. champion Byron Nelson of Toledo, Ohio, Jim Turnesa of West View, N. Y., Claude Harmon of Orlando, Fla., and Tommy Wright of Knoxville, Tenn.

Hogan, out with a magnificent 31, was six under par until he hit the last five holes, which were very tough in the wind today and ruined many another fine score.

The 132-pound larruper bogeyed three out of those five holes to nullify half of his six birdies.

Loving went over par on just one hole, the first, the 31-year-old professional, who has been making the circuit for years but never won a tournament, was steady from tee to green with nine hole scores of 34 and 33.

Suffridge Will Receive Rockne Memorial Trophy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(P)—The Touchdown Club of Washington voted today to award the Knute Rockne memorial trophy for "the most outstanding lineman of the year" to Bob Suffridge of the University of Tennessee.

The club, composed of varsity letter men, said Tennessee university officials had assured them that Suffridge would be permitted to leave classes to attend the club's fifth annual dinner here on January 6, when the trophy will be presented.

Pitt Is Playing For Fun And Likes It Much Better

BY JUDSON BAILEY
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 12.—(P)—Football, which used to be big business at the University of Pittsburgh, now is just a game the Panthers play for fun.

Everybody is happier, according to James (Whitey) Hagan, Pitt's director of athletics, and the system is here to stay.

"There is a finer spirit among the boys," explained Hagan, "and we're very happy about the whole thing. It has operated about as we expected. We don't win as many ball games, but the boys have more fun and the alumni are beginning to swing back to our point of view."

It was two years ago that Pitt de-emphasized the grid game, causing Dr. John B. (Jack) Sutherland to resign, and last season was the poorest the Panthers had had since 1912. They lost four, won three and tied one.

There was no yelling for the scalp of Charley Bowser, former Sutherland assistant who stepped up to the headman's post with a contract that runs through the 1941 season.

Furthermore, the record did not mean the financial disaster it would have in the old regime.

BRUNSWICK CAGE SLATE ANNOUNCED

Five Schools To Start Loop Play On January 21; Tourney To Be Held

SOUTHPORT, Dec. 12.—The five white consolidated schools in Brunswick county are all preparing to put out formidable boys and girls basketball teams this season. Some of the schools that have not made such a strong showing in past years are expected to put on more of a competitive spirit this time.

The schedule calls for two games between each school and at the completion of the schedule a tournament will be held at some school, not yet announced. The schedule as arranged for a few days ago is as follows:

Southport vs. Waccamaw, Jan. 21; Southport; Shallotte vs. Leland, Jan. 21; Shallotte; Bolivia, by. Bolivia vs. Southport, Jan. 24; Bolivia; Shallotte vs. Waccamaw, Jan. 23; Waccamaw; Leland, by. Leland vs. Bolivia, Jan. 28; Leland; Shallotte vs. Southport, Jan. 28; Shallotte; Waccamaw, by. Waccamaw vs. Bolivia, Jan. 30; Waccamaw; Leland vs. Southport, Jan. 31; Southport; Shallotte, by. Shallotte vs. Bolivia, Feb. 4; Bolivia; Leland vs. Waccamaw, Feb. 4; Leland; Southport, by. Southport vs. Waccamaw, Feb. 6; Waccamaw; Shallotte vs. Leland, Feb. 6; Leland; Bolivia by. Bolivia vs. Southport, Feb. 11; Southport; Shallotte vs. Waccamaw, Feb. 11; Shallotte; Leland, by.

Overlin, Belloise Meet In Title Bout Tonight

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—(P)—Ken Overlin and Steve Belloise are going to put on a re-take of the year's hottest punch party in Madison Square Garden tomorrow night, with Ken's middleweight championship on the block.

It's the old story of the boxer (Overlin) against the slugger, the veteran and his ring "savvy" against the youngster with a wallop, and the odds-makers are so confused about the whole thing they're refusing to make either a favorite. The 49th street betting set was laying "six to five and pick" tonight.

A contract for \$75,313,000 recently was let to Consolidated by the Navy. It was understood that it was for additional four-month long-range scouting planes.

This was the season's opener with Ohio State. This statement is the key to Pitt's plans for the future. The Panthers were so strong a few years ago they couldn't make a presentable schedule. They purified and now are looking covetously at the Western conference—even though they won't admit it in so many words.

Asked whether Pitt would like a place in the Big Ten, Hagan answered: "Why not?"

Tomorrow night Pitt will have its annual athletic banquet and the principal speaker will be Major John L. Griffith, commissioner of the Big Ten, who already exercises an advisory supervision of Pitt.

Next year's football schedule includes four Big Ten opponents. Fordham is not scheduled beyond 1941 and the inference obviously is that the Panthers will look more and more to the west as their sphere, although Pitt will not, and does not want to, resume its old pinnacle.

Why the most profitable game

Advertisement for Trek Anti-Freeze. Features a can of Trek and text: "FINEST Anti-Freeze IN THE 'Dollar-a-Gallon' FIELD. Trek anti-freeze is made of concentrated methanol... made to a new formula. It offers far more protection than ordinary 'dollar-a-gallon' anti-freeze. Even its new inhibitors... which prevent rust and corrosion... are anti-freeze! See your dealer NOW. \$1.00 A GALLON (25¢ A QUART). TRAVEL WITH Trek ANTI-FREEZE. A Product of National Carbon Company, Inc."

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