

SPORTS

YANKS BROKE, TIED MANY BAT RECORDS

Stretched Total Years Of Leading In Home Runs To 21 For New Mark

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—(P)—One of the surprises of the 1940 sports season was the failure of the New York Yankees to retain their American League championship, but the record of their bats is reflected in the official circuit averages of league records broken and tied during the last campaign.

The Yanks stretched their total years in leading in home runs to 21 for a new major league record and also made it 19 years when they have made 100 or more homers a season—16 of them in 1940. They also played a new league record for 100 homers—33, raised the total home runs in five straight contests to 17 and set another mark by hitting 22 circuit blows over a span of nine consecutive games.

As a whole, the season was marked by a falling off in records. There were 64 records broken or tied by the league and in 1940 there were 46. The 1940 season had only 37 circuit marks broken.

The all-time total of three home runs in an inning for the league was raised to 23. The season also had 16 players hitting 20 or more homers for a new mark. The pennant-winning Detroit Tigers hit homers in 17 straight games, during which they totaled 26 circuit blows.

The league mark of most extra base hits was set at 5,842, while Boston has 29 extra bases on hits Sept. 24 for a new major league mark. Frank Pytlak, made recently by Cleveland to Boston set a major league record of 31 straight chances without an error.

Shaw Opposes Fink In Pinehurst Polo

PINEHURST, Dec. 14.—(P)—Pinehurst's two polo aces, Earl Shaw and Merrill Fink, will oppose each other in a match here tomorrow (3 p. m.) Shaw will lead the Blind Brook four team from the number three position and Fink will play number three for Pinehurst.

CAPE FEAR OPENS ITS FALL TOURNEY

First Round Scheduled Today, Tomorrow And Tuesday At Club

The annual fall tourney of the Cape Fear Country club will open today with Julian W. Morton defending his title won last year. The first round will be played today, tomorrow and Tuesday. The second round will be played Dec. 18, 19 and 20, the third round Dec. 21 and the finals Dec. 22.

The pairings:
First flight—T. J. Kidd, Jr. vs. Alex Sprunt; Louis B. Orrell vs. W. D. MacMillan; Tom Cobb vs. H. T. Newland; E. Frisk vs. D. H. Crenshaw; James I. Metts vs. Fred E. Little; Walker Taylor vs. L. E. Woodbury; Jack Smith vs. R. J. Doss; E. W. Carr vs. J. C. Williams

Second flight—W. C. Curtis vs. R. M. Williams, Jr.; W. A. Fonvielle vs. J. M. Snow; W. I. Corbett vs. Mosley Fonvielle; B. K. Myers vs. Rogers Thomas; Earl Napier vs. W. L. Bozeman; Fred Willetts vs. C. E. White; Hooper Johnson vs. R. F. Meier; C. L. Meister vs. L. S. Whaley.

Third flight—Dr. A. J. Barton vs. F. A. Mathes, Jr.; J. C. Westsell, by; Robert Bell, by; W. D. McCaig, by; J. R. Thomas, by; G. F. Palmer, by; Col. W. V. Ochs, by; E. T. Jones, by.

Fall Of Yankees Termed No. 1 Sports Disappointment Of 1940

BY GAYLE TALBOT
NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—(P)—The fourth honors, partly because they tumbled of the mighty Yankees into can league slip away from them in third place in the American league the closing weeks and partly because after they had been made odds-cause the electorate thought they on favorites in the winter book has been disappointing personally in been voted the outstanding disap- their spat with Manager Oscar Vitt- pointment of 1940 by the nation's sports editors.

Of 72 editors who participated in the Associated Press poll, 40 put the finger on the world champions who checked, the Des Moines heavyweight, flopped from the start and only by a sensational late season drive es- out by Joe Louis in the second- capped from the second division.

Runner-up for this dubious distinction was the Notre Dame foot- ball team, which started the past season with a display of fireworks marvelous to behold and then sud- denly sputtered out, leaving its wil- dely supporters thoroughly con- fused.

The Yankees, with their 40 first- place votes and a smattering of other place votes and a total of 125 votes. Notre Dame, chosen the Bimelech, the wonder boss that fall champion floy by eight editors, haded in the Kentucky Derby; Pat Co- 36 points, only one more than wasniskey and Tony Galento, both pol- given the Ohio State Buckeyes, whoished off by the veteran Max Baer, were regarded as Big Nine cham- and Welby van Horn, who reached pionship timber when the footbal- the finals of the 1939 national ten- season opened and wound up losing his championships and then got beat their shirts.

The Cleveland Indians grabbed during the past season. game, but I'm grateful to him for it." And that's the present status of the business which went some- thing like this:

The Brooklyn Dodger backfield performer, selected as a member of the National league All-Stars to play the Chicago Bears, advised league President Carl Storck he would not play.

Storck advised Parker he would be expelled from the league if he didn't play.

Parker advised Storck he could go ahead with the expulsion, that the Ace had had enough football for one season, from which he emerged with an injured ankle and a separation in one shoulder, and that he had no intention of playing in the coast game.

"I'm happy that things turned out as they did," Parker said to- night. "I wanted to fulfill my pledge of playing here and in Nor- folk. I don't know what Topping did to get me out of the coast

CHURCH LOOP NOW IN FOUR-WAY TIE

Two Torrid Contests At Y Give Each Team Two Wins, Two Losses

In two torrid contests on the Y. M. C. A. gym yesterday afternoon, Church school teams made a real race out of the Saturday afternoon flag race by tying up the league standings, each team holding a record of two wins and two losses.

In a free scoring affair, the Hi-Y team won its second successive victory by trimming the First Presbyterian quintet by 35-32, while the First Baptist cagers coked out a 22-21 win over the Covenant crew.

First Presbyterian was off to a slow start, trailing by 8-5 at the first quarter but got going in a big way in the second canto by chalk- ing up 13 points to the Hi-Y 7 and leading in the intermission by 18-15. Early in the third period, the Presbyterians ran their advan- tage to 7 points in rapid fire order but saw the winners narrow the margin to three again as the third period closed. In the final period, the Hi-Y defense tightened to hold their opponents to a mere 4 points and won going away.

First Baptist almost faded out during the final period after leading during most of the game but managed to hang on to a one-point victory margin. Covenant led in the first period by 7-5, but trailed 12-9 at half-time. The Baptists racked up 6 points in the third period to hold an apparently safe margin of seven points, going into the final quarter. Covenant tied it up with about a minute to play saw the victory vanish in the closing seconds, on Fussell's and Middleton's free conversions:

The line-up:
Hi-Y (35) First Presbyterian (3) Green (2) Walters (6) Dunlea (11) T. Jackson (2) Mathis (11) G. Crowley (6) Carter (5) N. Jackson (4) Smith (4) Walfe (12) Sub: Shain (2) Sub: Midgett (2)
First Baptist (22) Covenant (21) zq1do51. R3ja.shrdlu shrdlu shrr Williams (3) B. Auld (2) Daniels (2) Watts (12) Oldenbuttel (11) Nisbet (7) Middleton (3) Griffith Fussell (1) Robinson Sub: Sneedden (2) Sub: McIlwain Referee Vernon Morrison.

Three White Couples Get Marriage Permits

Three white couples secured marriage permits during the past week at the office of Adrian B. Rhodes, register of deeds, as follows:

Arthur R. Perry, 29, and Miss Louise Allen, 22, both of Wilming- ton.
A. K. Cooper, 25, and Miss Nancy Ann Campbell, 21, both of Wilmington.
Ernest Hofbauer, 32, and Miss Annette Bear, 27, both of Wilming- ton.

OFF THE RECORD

MILAN, Italy (P)—Since bronze is available only for armaments, new churches in Milan don't have belfries. But the bells still toll. A phonograph recording a n d loud- speakers on the roof take care of the matter.

Both the suicide and homicide rate in the United States declined in 1940.

EARLY KAYO SEEN IN MONDAY'S BOUT

Man In The Street Plans To Get To Louis-McCoy Fight Early

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—(P)—Boston and New England fistic fans are all steamed up about Monday's heavyweight title bout at Boston Garden between Champion Joe Louis and Challenger Al McCoy but the consensus from the man in the street is that he'll have to get there early.

About the only ones who don't figure the Brown Bomber to pack his opponent away in one of the early rounds are McCoy himself and his manager, Bill Brennan, who thinks so much of his charge's chances against the champions that he has money bet on the challenger to win.

Louis wound up his boxing drills today while McCoy topped his

preparation with a little road work and some drilling in the gym. Both plan to take things easy tomorrow and meet for the first time Monday at the weighing in ceremonies.

The champion, who seldom both- ers to look over an opponent until he gets in the ring with him, had no comment on Monday's bout ex- cept the brief statement: "I'm ready."

McCoy, who has worked harder than ever before to prepare for his shot at the champion, promises to be throwing punches right from the start.

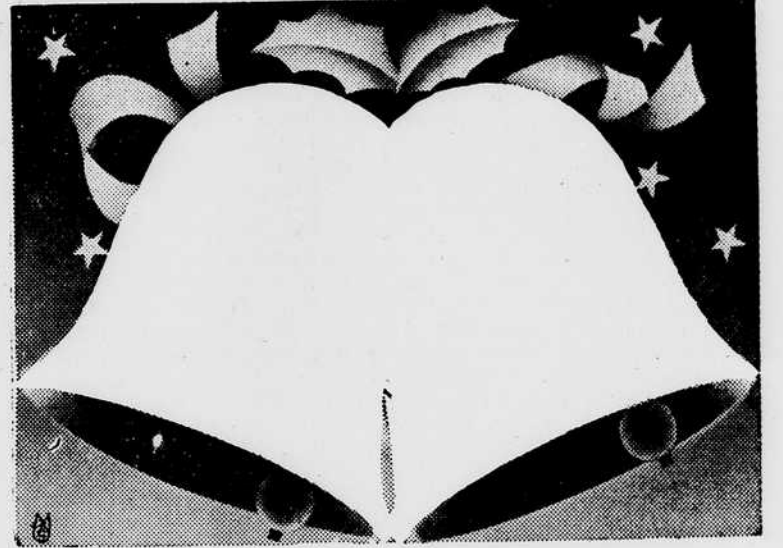
"I never felt better than I do for this one," McCoy said tonight. "I've got a hunch I can beat this boy and I'll be in there pitching all the way. You won't see me run- ning any footrace."

HOLE IN ONE

PINEHURST, Dec. 14.—(P)—William Eldris of Seattle, Wash., hit a four iron shot off the 18th tee of the No. 1 course here and saw the ball roll into the cup for a hole-in-one.

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Plainview (Tex.) 0; Xavier 13.

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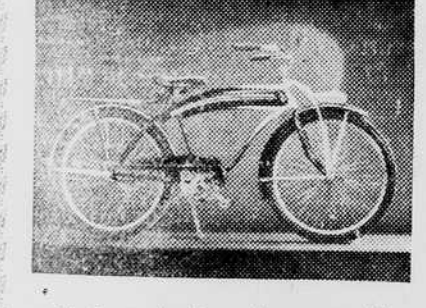
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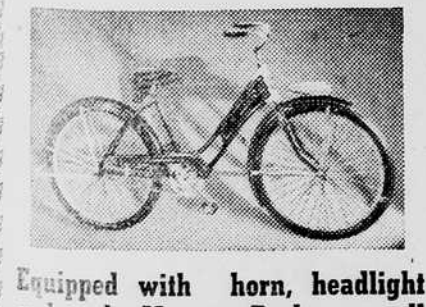
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