

THE SPORTS TRAIL

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NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—We hope we're not divulging any secrets in saying that the National Tennis tournament will start tomorrow at Forest Hills.

The event has sort of snuck up on us, as they say, possibly because it's a little ashamed to have itself called a national championship with some of the boys who have the best chance of winning nowhere to be seen.

We have had the idea all along that, with no outstanding attraction in the men's singles, the attendance this year would be a little on the feeble side, making that at a late-season Phil-Braves game seem like a howling mob.

We'll find out soon enough if we were wrong. Holcombe Ward says we are. He thinks the absence of a cut-and-dried winner will create greater interest, as the fans like competition. Which may be true, although a few hundred will turn out at a small fight club where every contest is a contest, while thousands will pay to see Joe Louis when they know he is taking on nothing but weight.

The handwriting on the wall was a little blurred to the tennis bosses when they mapped out their war-time schedule. They were going ahead as usual, by gum, and weren't going to be stampeded by the calamity howlers.

The U. S. G. A. received a lot of critical bludgeoning when it abruptly called off its 1942 national tournaments, but it turned out that it was a cagey move, particularly as far as the amateur championship was concerned, since an amateur tournament this year would have been about as representative as a corn cob in an oat bin. Most of the good players couldn't have made it if it had been held in their backyard.

The past three years the National Tennis tournament has not had a men's singles player who was a shoo-in to win, but it has had colorful personalities who subbed as a lure. There was Bobby Riggs, who was as liable as not to lose everything to the last point, and then start winning. There was Frank Kovacs, the wild man of Oakland who might bob the linesman instead of the ball or start using the net to catch butterflies.

And who is in the field this year to provide color? Well, there is Frankie Parker. He might have a new forehead drive. There is Ted Schroeder, who plays a good, journeyman game, but who is not blessed, or cursed, with "color." Parker and Schroeder, incidentally, are two of the five players entered who ranked in the first 10 last year, and Parker, ranked No. 8, is the highest of the lot.

Cubs Split With Phils In Twin Mound Contests

CHICAGO, Aug. 26.—(P)—Pitching was decisive in a double header between the Chicago Cubs and Philadelphia Phillies today and so the Phils won the opener, 3 to 2, in 11 innings and the Cubs took the second contest, 3 to 0.

(FIRST GAME)
Score by innings: R H E
PHILADELPHIA 100 000 001-3 10 2
CHICAGO 100 000 001-2 9 2
Runs batted in—Litwiler, Taylor, Eitzen, Dallessandro, Novikov. Two base hits—Taylor, Nicholson, Litwiler, Eitzen. Stolen bases—Murrough, Hack, Merullo. Sacrifices—Eitzen, Northey. Double plays—Merullo, Sturgeon and Cavaretta; May, Glossop and Eitzen; Glossop and Eitzen; Murrough, Glossop and Eitzen; McCullough and Merullo; Eitzen (unassisted). Left on bases—Philadelphia 9; Chicago 6. Bases on balls—Hughes 2; Bithorn 5. Struck out—Hughes 4; Bithorn 4. Hits—Off Hughes 9 in 10 innings; Melton 0 in 1. Winning pitcher—Hughes. Umpires—Stewart, Dunn and Sears. Time—2:26.

(SECOND GAME)
Score by innings: R H E
PHILADELPHIA 000 000 000-0 5 0
CHICAGO 100 000 200-3 8 0
Runs batted in—Cavaretta, Novikov. Two base hits—Cavaretta. Stolen bases—Hack 2. Sacrifices—Johnson, Hack. Double play—Northey and Bragan. Left on bases—Philadelphia 7; Chicago 7. Bases on balls—Johnson 4; Fleming 3. Struck out—Johnson 4; Fleming 3. Hits—Off Johnson 3 in 7 innings; Pearson 0 in 1. Wild pitch—Fleming. Losing pitcher—Johnson. Umpires—Dunn, Sears and Stewart. Time—1:51. Attendance (actual)—7,784.

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GAIN ON DODGERS MADE BY REDBIRDS AS THEY TRIUMPH

Thippett Singles St. Louis To 2-1 Victory In Tenth Frame

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 26.—(P)—Coaker Thippett's scratch single in the last of the 10th inning scored Jimmy Brown from third base and gave the Cardinals a 2 to 1 victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers tonight. It was the Cards' third successive triumph over Brooklyn, and reduced the Dodgers' league lead to 4 1-2 games.

It was a weird ending to a nifty pitchers' battle, for Thippett's roller, down the third base line, appeared an easy out. Macon, however, fell down attempting to field the ball, then threw wild to Catcher Mickey Owen, who never got his hands on the ball as Brown charged into him.

The Cards' winning rally opened when Brown walked on four straight pitches with one out. He moved to second on Terry Moore's sharp single. Both runners advanced as Enos Slaughter tapped a weak grounder down the third base line, almost exactly similar to the blow which won the game.

After Johnny Beazley and Max Macon each had allowed a run in early innings, both settled down and scattered the nine singles each allowed. Macon, however, had more grief than did Beazley, for double plays rescued him from nasty situations twice, once in the second inning after the Cards already had counted one run and again in the seventh.

It was the Cardinals who cracked the scoring ice first, with one run in the second on singles by Walker Cooper, George Kurovski and Johnny Hopp. Magty Marion's safe bunt loaded the bases at that point, but Brown hit into a double play.

By virtue of Dolph Camilli's screaming single which scored Arky Vaughan from second, the Dodgers quickly knotted the court in the third inning.

From that point until the 10th, it was a case of threaten and never accomplish and both teams did their share of the threatening.

Indicative, however, of the pitchers' mastery of the situation was the fact that not a single extra base blow was hit during the 10 innings.

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Funderburg, cf. 1 0 0
Trickett, Sacrifice—Beazley. Double plays—Vaughan, Herman and Camilli; Herman and Vaughan. Left on bases—Brooklyn 10; St. Louis 6. Bases on balls—Funderburg 2; Strickland—Macon 4; Peazley 1. Umpires—Barlick, Magerkurth, Jorda and Barr. Time—2:15. Attendance (paid)—13,315.

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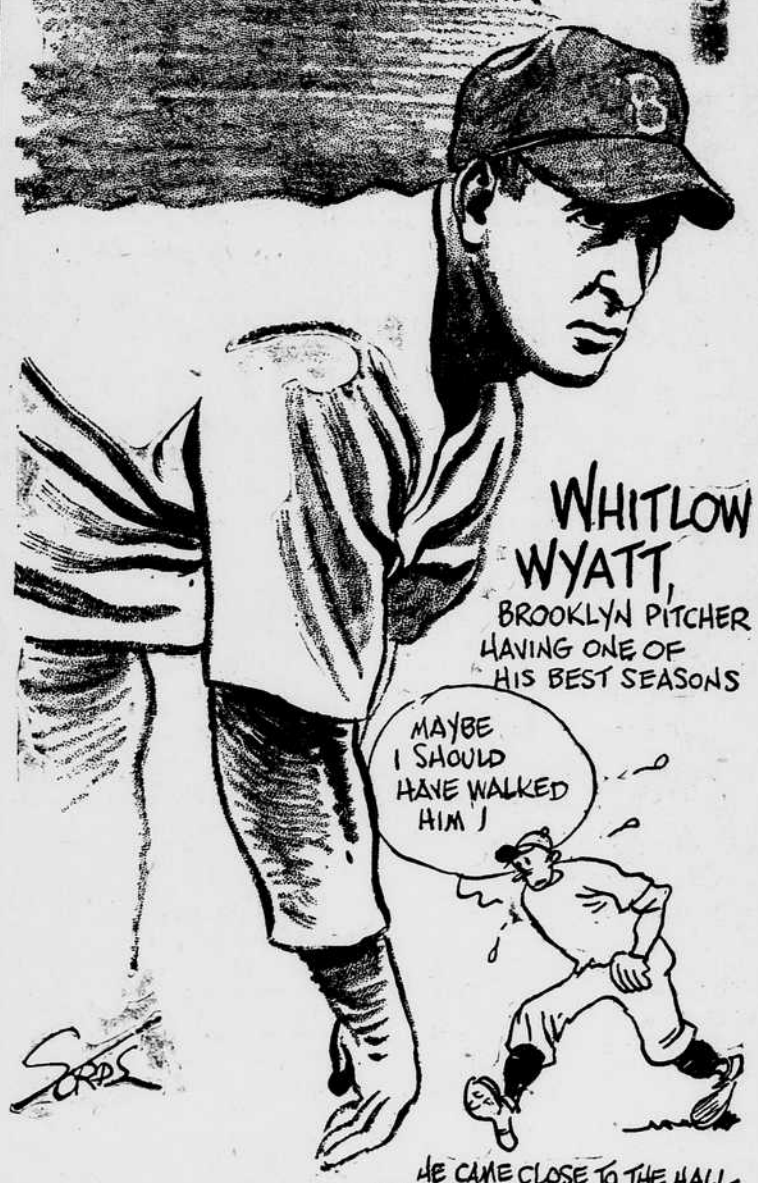
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CLOSE TO FAME - - - By Jack Sords



Zupke Plans Tricky Plays For Pro Bears

CHICAGO, Aug. 26.—(P)—Robert C. Zupke, taking his last fling at football coaching, is burning with the hope that his college All-Stars will triumph over the famed T-formation specialists, the Chicago Bears, in Soldier field Friday night.

Zupke, who ended a 29-year career at the University of Illinois by retiring voluntarily, has dug deep into his imagination for plays which he figures may deceive the professional champions. His offense has been built along the ground, rather than in the air, principally because of the lack of a really great passer.

In the air, Zupke will depend mostly on Minnesota's Bruce Smith. While not sensational in long throws, the Gopher is consistent with his shots. In the two weeks of practice Smith revealed accuracy that reminded onlookers of his passing performances that nailed many games for the Minnesotans.

Smith will be backed up by another pair of passers, Jack Jacobs of the University of Oklahoma, and Robert Moser of the Texas A. & M. Zupke is blessed with a trio of marvelous receivers. They are the natives, Stanton of Arizona, Kutner of Texas, and Ered Meier of Stanford.

The All-Stars worked out under the flood lights in Soldier field tonight. Another long chalk lecture and a light warm-up will finish their preliminary work tomorrow. The they will relax until time to crawl into their uniforms and trot on the field in the presence of a record breaking throng of 101,000 spectators.

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Army All-Star Elevens Prep For Tilts With Pro Gridders

Wade's Team Works-Out In Secrecy For Game On Sunday

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 26.—(P)—In true military custom, the Army is not giving away in advance any of its battle plans, but there are indications that its western gridiron forces will be divided into two outfits when they take on the Washington Redskins here Sunday.

Maj. Wallace Wade, coach of the Army squad, may go into the Army-Relief fund contest with two "first" teams, a maneuver adopted by the late Knute Rockne 15 years ago.

Practice of the Army outfit in Pasadena's rose bowl was secret again today, but the players, numbering a host of well known college and professional luminaries, were presented at a luncheon in downtown Los Angeles. It gave the boys a brief respite from strict military routine and the public a chance to see them in person.

Maj. Wade hasn't announced which unit will start the game, and probably won't until just before the contest. Observers believe he'll lead off with a team made up for the most part of former Texas A. & M. players.

Ready to jump in behind them will be the second "first" team, and a seasoned foe for the professional Redskins it is. Nine of the group played Pro Football.

Here's the group from which choices will be made: Jap Davis, Owen Goodnight, Judd McGowan, Herman Rohrig and Kay Eakin, backfield talent; Nick Drahos, Emile Fritz, Walter Young, Mag Speddie, Steve Petro, Bill Peterson, Lewis Lunday and Bill Gillis, Linemen.

TOPPING SWORN IN
NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—(P)—Dan Topping, owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers of the National Professional Football league, was sworn in today as a captain in the United States Marine Corps.

FISHING IS GOOD
It was a big day for the pier fishermen out at Wrightsville Beach yesterday. Especially good, reported John D. Mercer of the Atlantic View pier, were the catches of mullet, drum and blues on falling water. J. W. Bolejack of Greenfield Terrace landed one of the largest drum, one weighing 28 pounds.

PICTURES THROUGH FOG
Aerial photographs can take pictures of a city which is so blanketed by fog and smoke that it cannot be seen from the air, by means of films that are sensitive to infra-red rays.

SOLDIER PIGSKIN SQUAD CONTINUES DAILY WORK-OUTS
Johnson Takes Out Kinks In Camp Davis AA's Football Team

The customary two-hour workout of the Camp Davis pigskin squad yesterday was another step forward in preparation for the opening game three weeks hence.

After limbering up exercises had gotten the session under way, the backs and linemen betook themselves to different parts of the field. Forward passes featured the backfield display, with the end candidates shagging and snagging the ball tossed by a number of "heave" specialists. The linemen, meanwhile contented themselves with absorbing the fine points of offensive and defensive line play under the supervision of Line Coach Ike Cooper.

Coach Henry Johnson then gathered his squad, formed one offensive eleven arrayed against a defensive line. During this period, the carrying out of individual assignments, line and backfield, was carefully stressed.

The squad was then split into two elevens and rehearsed a series of eleven plays while running through signals up and down the field. The afternoon concluded with a job around the field for all.

Giants Snap From Loss Streak To Beat Redlegs
CINCINNATI, Aug. 26.—(P)—The power of the New York Giants finally brought them out of their five-game losing streak today as a 15-hit onslaught overwhelmed the Cincinnati Reds, 11 to 2.

Score by innings: R H E
NEW YORK 103 021 400-11 15 0
CINCINNATI 001 000 001-2 9 4
Runs batted in—Witek, Ott 2, Mize 2, Young, Barna 3, Jurgas 2, McCormick, Lamanno. Two base hits—Witek 4, Mize, Lamanno. Free base—Witek 4. Bases on balls—New York 10; Cincinnati 4. Bases outs—Lohrman 2, Riddle 3, Strike-Hits—Off Riddle 5 in 9 innings; Thompson 7 in 3-2-3, Shoun 3 in 2-1-3. Passed Umpires—Reardon, Goetz and Conlan. Time—2:06. Attendance—1,672.

Cape Fear Semi-Pros Vote To End Season; No Winner Is Named

The Cape Fear Semi-Pro Baseball association in a meeting this week voted to immediately terminate its playing season for this year without an official pennant winner being declared, it was revealed yesterday.

League officials blamed the short season on the inability to secure adequate transportation to games and the fact that many players are in the armed forces or are employed in war industries at the time of games.

All financial business of the local circuit will be closed in a special meeting on September 7. Although there will be no official champion, a possibility exists that the Shipyard Progressives, winners of the first-half race, and the Amoco Cannoners, who were leading as competition was ended, will clash for the unofficial title.

Tigers Take Two Games From Philadelphia A's
PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 26.—(P)—Detroit defeated the Philadelphia Athletics twice tonight, capturing a 4-2 decision in a game under the arc lights after eking out a 1-0 verdict in a twilight contest.

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PHILADELPHIA 000 000 000-0 6 0
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Eastern Squad Scrimmages Against Ivy Footballers On Yale Field

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Aug. 26.—(P)—A scrimmage in which the Eastern All-Army football team spent all afternoon on the Yale field against opposition furnished by Yale's gridiron aspirants ended with the coaches of both teams satisfied with the results.

Col. Bob Neyland of the Army said Yale provided stiff competition and gave him an opportunity to gain much valuable information about his 61 players, all of whom were used, while Howie Odell of Yale expressed delight over the way his youngsters handled themselves.

The Army, preparing for a three game schedule starting Sept. 1, hammered away at the Blue Devils the 50 yard line, and on several occasions shook a runner free.

To balance this, Yale broke the attack often enough to give a fair average, and once Jack Ferguson, a back, nabbed a pass and streaked away for what could have been a touchdown.

Big John Pingle, former Michigan State ace and Mike Basa, Villanova, tailbacks, and Bill Gann, Arizona and New York Giants fullback, starred for the soldiers.

CANNON BALL WINS
MILWAUKEE, Aug. 26.—(P)—The scramble for honors in the three year old harness race of today year became even more heated today as G. F. Bingham's Cannon Ball beat both Colby Hanover and Hambletonian favorite, and Ambassador, Hambletonian.

WASHINGTON AND TORONTO
Like many women of her generation George Washington's mother pulled on a pipe, according to many reports. Her son abhorred the air, even though he was a blower, plunger, and made a wry face when custom compelled him to take a weak pipe-of-peace with the Indians.

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