

THE SPORTS TRAIL

By Whitney Martin



AP Chooses All-America Football Squad

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—(P)—If you were asked to name offhand the peace-time sport which best prepared its followers for the grim business of war you'd probably blurt out "football" or some other rugged, body-contact sport. Mussolini's marathoners probably would voice an emphatic vote for track, but we'll have to wait until they're caught to be sure.

The most obvious sport would be overlooked because it is so obvious. It's like forgetting water when listing the requirements for swimming, or swimming when listing the personal habits of a duck.

The sport most pertinent to warfare is shooting. Particularly rifle and pistol shooting. Small game hunting and trap and skeet shooting are valuable in that they train the eye to follow a moving target, but those are scattergun sports, whereas a rifle slug doesn't reach out and get a piece of the target when the aim is a little off the beam.

In its own quiet way the National Rifle Association is contributing materially to the development of better soldiers, sailors and marines. It is discouraging a 11 league and other competitive shooting among its members, and concentrating on training courses for future service men.

Bill Shadel, executive of the association, says that despite the fact thousands of its members have gone into the service, the membership is at its peak, and plans are being made to increase the number of clubs.

"The people are rifle conscious," he says. "They want to learn to shoot. Right now we have about 3,800 member clubs with a total of more than 300,000 members. I should say more than 300 of our men are in the service as instructors. Although the clubs use only .22 caliber ammunition, the rifle is of standard service weight and the government has recognized the .22 shooters as qualified to be instructors."

"I have received any number of letters from our members in the service who did not go in as instructors, but who promptly were made instructors, or received non-com stripes much more quickly than they would have if they had not known how to handle firearms."

Many newspapers throughout the country are sponsoring rifle training courses under the direction of the National Rifle Association clubs, Shadel says. One Cleveland paper, he points out, has been turning out 100 graduates from such courses each week.

A minimum of 10 men is required for the formation of a club eligible for membership in the N. R. A. Every man must be a citizen and must take the oath of allegiance, and the club must be approved by the adjutant general of its state. Dues for the club are \$10 a year, with individual dues \$3, which covers subscription to the association magazine.

Shadel says he understands that the Russians went in for rifle clubs in a big way in recent years, with membership approaching 5,000,000. If so, this may account in part for the stubborn battle put up against the invaders, and the fact we hear stories of Russian sharpshooters racking up scores as casually as if they were shooting a game of straight pool.

Marksmanship is a tradition of this country with its background of Daniel Boones. It was his squirrel-potting accuracy with a rifle that enabled Sergeant Alvin York to perform his tremendous feat in the First World War, and it was the marksmanship that turned the tide at Belle Wood.

In the jungle fighting of the current Pacific war the individual rifleman is playing a major role. The man who shoots straight is the man who survives.

And that's where the National Rifle Association comes in.

RECEIVES 172,091 TIRES RALEIGH, Dec. 11.—(P)—The Office of War Information said today the Charlotte warehouse of the defense supplies corporation has received 172,091 tires under the idle-tire purchase plan.

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Position	Player and College	Class	Age	Hght	Weight	Home
END	DAVID N. SCHREINER, Wisconsin*	SENIOR	21	5-2	200	Lancaster, Wis.
TACKLE	RICHARD K. WILDUNG, Minnesota*	SENIOR	21	6-0	214	Luverne, Minn.
GUARD	GARRARD R. RAMSEY, William & Mary	SENIOR	21	6-2	188	Walland, Tenn.
CENTER	JOSEPH J. DOMANOVICH, Alabama	SENIOR	23	6-1	190	South Bend, Ind.
GUARD	CHARLES A. TAYLOR, Stanford	SENIOR	22	5-11	202	San Jose, Cal.
TACKLE	CLYDE E. JOHNSON, Kentucky	SENIOR	24	6-6	235	Ashland, Ky.
END	ROBERT SHAW, Ohio State	SENIOR	21	6-1	205	Lansford, Pa.
BACK	GLENN DOBBS, Tulsa	SENIOR	21	6-4	190	Frederick, Okla.
BACK	PAUL V. GOVERNALL, Columbia	SENIOR	21	5-11	186	New York City
BACK	FRANK SINKWICH, Georgia*	SENIOR	22	5-10	180	Youngstown, O.
BACK	MICHAEL J. HOLOVAK, Boston College	SSNIOR	21	6-1	205	Lansford, Pa.

*Chosen for second consecutive year.

Position	Player and College	Class	Age	Hght	Weight	Home
SECOND TEAM	GEORGE POSCHNER, Georgia	END	21	5-8	180	Atlanta, Ga.
AL WISTERT, Michigan	TACKLE	DON WHITMIRE, Alabama	21	6-0	214	Luverne, Minn.
HARVEY HARDY, Georgia Tech	GUARD	JACK LESCOULE, U. C. L. A.	21	6-2	188	Walland, Tenn.
POUIS SOSSAMON, South Carolina	CENTER	Spencer MOSELEY, Yale	21	6-1	190	South Bend, Ind.
JULIUS FRANKS, Michigan	GUARD	LINDEL HOUSTON, Ohio State	21	6-1	205	Lansford, Pa.
STAN MAULDIN, Texas	TACKLE	NORMAN VERRY, Southern California	21	6-4	190	Frederick, Okla.
DON CURRIVAN, Boston College	END	AL HUST, Tennessee	21	6-4	190	Frederick, Okla.
MONK GAFFORD, Auburn	BACK	RAY EVANS, Kansas	21	6-1	205	Lansford, Pa.
HILLY HILLENBRAND, Indiana	BACK	CLINT CASTLEBERRY, Georgia Tech	21	6-1	205	Lansford, Pa.
BOB STEUBER, Missouri	BACK	JESSE FREITAS, Santa Clara	21	6-1	205	Lansford, Pa.
BOB KENNEDY, Washington State	BACK	PAT HARDER, Wisconsin	21	6-1	205	Lansford, Pa.

CITY POPULATION SET BY OFFICIALS

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came over taxed, then this became a business problem.

Fockler asserted that most industries with foresight made every effort to get into war work, either directly or indirectly, and through the War Production Board most were successful.

Since the war program was established, about 18 new retail stores, consisting of restaurants, dress shops and laundries, have opened here, he stated, but there has been no increase in wholesalers in the territory. Both now face the same problem of securing stock and after the Christmas rush, no doubt will have many vacant shelves, he added. All business is operating with less employees.

"We face in Wilmington within the next three to four weeks a serious shortage of food," declared the chamber official. "The stocks of wholesale food dealers is becoming lower and lower, and they are informed by suppliers that allotments are exhausted until April 1, 1943."

"Our wholesalers had no way of knowing our population would increase to the extent it has in the past year, and naturally did not order early in the season stock enough to meet the demand," he said. "The shortage appears in the staple canned food lines. These facts have been presented to OPA without result," he continued. "This needs attention at once, and can be solved by the adjustments of allotments and population figures."

Fockler declared that the housing problem is now almost solved with the building of approximately 1,000 new houses by private capital, and the 6,500 units of defense housing either under construction or completed.

To meet the increased demand in water and sewer facilities, the city has spent \$162,000, and the Federal government \$300,000, he said, and a contract has recently been let for additional improvement to the water system for \$2,600,000.

Expenditures of the city have raised from \$683,336.28 in 1941 to an estimated expenditure of \$1,236,062.48 in 1943, he said, and by careful management the city has been able to meet these increases without an increase in the tax rate.

Further outlining the war problems here, Fockler asked why a ration board could not be set up for every 25,000 persons. "They do not have enough clerks and one board, with a panel extensions for the shipyard, is most certain-ly not enough for a county the size of ours."

He declared that people stand in line for hours to be served, and business men spend at least two hours every month standing in line and wasting time. "This method of making people wait and like it takes time away from everyone, breaks public morale, and confidence in our government."

The chamber official concluded by declaring that "the most important help to all business now is the elimination of duplication of reports to file, forms to fill in, rulings to be understood and studied, crisscrossing of governmental authority, and while business cannot expect, or want to continue as usual, the people do not expect politics as usual."

The value of munitions made in Canada last year was greater than that of the total produced during the last war.

George Subs For Chewchi, Takes Beating At Thalian

By R. J. POWELL

Old Man Jinx joined hands with Mister Injury to once again make a dampening appearance at the Thalian hall wrestling show last night when it was announced that the night's principals, Chief Chewchi and Al Mills were still unable to fill their long over due engagement here. Mills was scheduled to resume his feud with the Purple Secret, but instead he was on his way to Mayo's clinic to receive treatment for the injury sustained last week, and the Chief just didn't arrive.

Stan Pinto filled in for Mills against the Purple Secret, but Stan was unequal to the task of handling the big bad mauler, who took the feature event in two straight falls.

In a long and bruising first fall the tide changed several times before the Secret one stopped Stompin' Stan by bringing his surf board hold into play. Pinto almost crossed the threshold of victory as he pained the Big Boy with a combination leg twist and toe hold before the meanie turned the tables in his favor. It was a rough 35 minutes of mat warfare.

Pinto evidently never recovered from the beating absorbed in the first heat, for he lasted but eleven minutes in the match-winning fall as the Purple Masked man turned loose his fierce attack again.

In the opening match, Don George, the Greek wrestler, continued to be the fall guy for all the big boys as he tasted defeat in two consecutive falls in a slated two-out-of-three falls affair with Rudy Stronberg from Milwaukee.

The sleek-built Milwaukee lad punished the roly-poly Greek grappler with a double leg twist to take the first fall, after George had almost held about middle way of the 20-minute spree. Stronberg continued to put Shorty George through the ringer as he went 15 minutes to win the second with a quickly-executed body press.

Stan Pinto refereed the first bout and Stronberg was the third man for the finale.

JAPANESE STAB AT YUNNAN LINE

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attacked their erstwhile Japanese allies, inflicting casualties. The enemy, summoning reinforcements counterattacked and fighting was still in progress.

In northern Hunan, Chinese reported attacking and entering Changan on December 3 after causing Japanese losses.

UCT WINS FIGHT FOR EXTRA FUEL

Travelling Men Are Victors In Struggle For Additional Rations

After eleven months of unceasing work, the United Commercial Travelers have won a fight in behalf of business men in gaining approval of the OPA for additional gas and rubber for salesmen.

The order was made with the expressed approval of Mr. Wm. M. Jeffers, rubber administrator, who held that if the small business man is to be kept alive, the salesmen must be allowed to continue to visit him.

With the splendid support and assistance of the Virginia division of U. C. T. A. and the Virginia Travelers Association, the order was able to win approval of a formula prepared by U. C. T. which assures salesmen twice as much gas and adequate provision for rubber for the next year.

The effort was started on January 2 and after repeated interviews and written arguments the first break was made when Mr. Jeffers agreed that salesmen were necessary to the business of the nation. His direction to the OPA request was "Not too unreasonable" and that plans should be drafted by OPA to meet the requests.

It is the belief of officers of U. C. T. that this mileage will carry all salesmen safely through the year. Rubber allowances also go with the gas and salesmen are thus given consideration as a class and are recognized by the government as necessary workers in national defense.

Local Police Captain Will Not Retire Now

Captain James Jordan, of the Wilmington police department, told a Star reporter in an interview Friday, "I have no intention of retiring until such time as doctors say I am physically unfit for duty in the department, and the Pension Board sees fit to retire me on the grounds of physical disability."

Captain Jordan continued: "I have made no statement of any intention to retire, as I do not intend to retire."

Explaining the difference between the civil service department and the pension board, Captain Jordan said, "the two are entirely separate organizations, and all retirements come to the attention of the pension board."

MANY U. S. BONDS SOLD IN REGION

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ates, they said, a very generous and corporations. The Treasury department has also announced the sale of a total of \$5,568,000,000 worth of securities, based on nationwide participation in the Victory Fund drive. Of this total, banks subscribed to a total of \$2,205,000,000.

Funds from non-banking organizations were: \$3,381,000,000. This total includes: 7-8 certificates in the amount of \$610,000,000; 1-3-4 Treasury bonds, \$452,000,000; 2-1-2 in Victory bonds, \$2,101,000,000; tax notes, \$114,000,000; savings bonds series, E, F, and G, \$104,000,000.

The drive, officials said, is meeting with good results, but there is still a large amount of money to be obtained by the Treasury department in the remaining days of December, if the goal set at 9 billion dollars is to be reached.

Transportation Revises Baseball Training Plans

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—(P)—Major league baseball clubs, accustomed to making long spring training trips each year, may make sweeping revisions in their plans after Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators, calls on Joseph B. Eastman, director of the Office of Defense Transportation, within a week.

Will Harridge, president of the American league, said today that Griffith, the "Old Fox," would represent the league in a move to get a more definite expression from Eastman than that contained in a letter he addressed to the major leaguers at their meetings here last week.

Eastman at that time called upon the club owners to "select training sites as near as possible to each team's home city where climatic conditions would be suitable." The major leaguers were of the impression that Eastman's letter was more of a suggestion than an order.

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Sinkwich, Schreiner And Wildung Are 'Three Repeaters'

By DILLON GRAHAM

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Although war-time shortages in varsity manpower gave lower classmen unprecedented opportunities to shine this season, the 18th annual All-America football team chosen today by The Associated Press is the nearest approach to an all-senior club in years.

Only one junior—Robert Shaw, Ohio State end—found a post in this group of senior standouts which included three carryovers from last season's All-America: Frankie Sinkwich, great halfback of Georgia's Bulldogs, Southeastern conference champion who played in the Rose Bowl; End Dave Schreiner of Wisconsin and Tackle Dick Wildung of Minnesota.

Wildung's partner at tackle is a giant from Kentucky, 6-foot-6 Clyde Johnson. The guards are Charles Taylor of Stanford and Garrard Ramsey of William Mary, Southern conference champions. Joe Domanovich, captain of Alabama's Crimson Tide, is at center.

In the backfield along with Sinkwich are Paul Governall, Columbia university's fine passer; Mike Holovak, powerful Boston College ace, and Glenn Dobbs, quarterback of Tulsa's Missouri Valley champions who meet Tennessee in the Sugar Bowl.

Freshmen were used on varsity clubs for the first time in several decades but despite the fancy play of these first year flashers, as well as praiseworthy performances by sophomores and juniors, the seniors also dominated the All-America squad of 33 players. However, one freshman—Halfback Clint Castleberry of Georgia Tech—stood head and shoulders above the others.

The greatest gridiron strength was found in the Big Ten and the Southeastern conferences, which were awarded three men each in the first team. The big switch, selected after a nationwide survey of expert opinion, drew methos of its players from the Southeastern conferences, which were awarded three men each in the first team. The big switch, selected after a nationwide survey of expert opinion, drew methos of its players from the Southeastern conferences, which were awarded three men each in the first team.

This war-time season perhaps the dizziest in modern history with one unexplainable upset piling upon another, may be the last for the duration, what with military calls and transportation problems. Despite its topsy-turvy course the season did snow definitely that the power was concentrated in the Southwest and the Big Ten and that the quality of play was below par in the Southwest, East and Far West.

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