

# The Sports Trail

By Whitney Martin

NEW YORK, March 25.—(P)—If Rip Van Winkle had fallen asleep for his 20-year drowse on the Pinehurst Country Club course and had awakened this week he would have been convinced he had just enjoyed a cat-nap.

You can just imagine old Rip stretching, rubbing his eyes and commenting in a quavering voice: "Wellll, wellll, must have dropped off for a minute. Bob Cruickshank was on the No. 3 fairway last time I looked, and there he is on No. 17. And there's Joe Kirkwood moved up to No. 12, and Johnny Farrell, and Gene Sarazen and Joe Turnesa all getting around. Wonder who's leading this here North-South Tournament now, by cracky."

Yes sir, the pages of the calendar really did a backward flip this year at Pinehurst, and not only did the golf stars of 20 years ago emerge from their shells; they shot the same scores they did when the roaring 20s still were just a whisper. It's a long time since we've seen a 71 leading the field, but away-back-when a score like that was plenty good.

It doesn't take much imagination to have a pretty good idea who the leaders in the North-South would be were these normal times. You could name Ben Hogan, and Byron Nelson, and Sam Snead, and maybe a couple of others and know that they would be right up there at the top with their cards plastered with 66s and 67s and 68s. Those guys think 70 is just the three score and 10 usually associated with the life span. Which it practically was in their company, at that, as a gent who couldn't break 70 could figure his competition ended.

As this is written we don't know who won the tournament. All we know is that we Bobby Cruickshank's 71-72-143 was good enough to lead the field at the half-way mark, and that right behind him were such verdant youths at Kirkwood, Farrell, Sarazen and Turnesa.

It wasn't by accident that those venerable names were in there at or near the top. The rules this year stipulated that an entrant must either be over military age or in the service.

A great many of the present top-flight golfers are in the service, but unless a soldier or a sailor or a marine happened to be stationed hard-by Pinehurst and could make arrangements to be absent from his post for three or four days, he was out of luck as far as entering was concerned.

The old timers put on a good show, at that, despite the fact some of them were so rusty they creaked. Sarazen has been as busy as a contact man for a war plant and with his farm it is doubtful if he played more than half a dozen times this winter, and he not long ago said it would take him at least six or seven months of steady golf to get back in form.

Kirkwood had played only two rounds since last fall, and some of the others undoubtedly had used a spoon only to eat with during the past few months.

Under the circumstances, and considering that the wind was blowing more than a little, their scores were commendable, and from all accounts they had a lot of fun making them. They know they are yesterday's heroes, and they accept the role cheerfully.

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# Athletics Get 26 Players In Uniform

## Cruickshank Wins North-South Golf Meet

ASSORTMENT NOT SAME AS IN '42 SAYS OBSERVERS

Several 1942 Sandlotters Are Now In A's Uniform

WILMINGTON, Del., March 25.—(P)—The Philadelphia Athletics have a lot of ball players in uniform at their training exercises here—26 at the most recent count—but their presence only serves to recall that old refrain, "You can't tell the players without a score-card."

Regular observers of the A's say the collection of confused young men this year is not as heart-rending as the assortment Connie Mack had in California last year. But all admit that the difference is largely academic in its relations to improving the eighth place finish of 1942.

At least three of the players now wearing big league uniforms here were sandlot players a year ago and five others were cavorting in the local park in the uniforms of the Wilmington Blue Rocks of the class B interstate league.

This is it evident that beloved old Connie Mack, 80 years of age and starting his 43rd year as manager of the Athletics, has nothing more than the barest essentials for a ball club.

His catching staff is intact from last year and his rebuilt outfield may be adequate, but his patching and infield corps appear woefully insufficient.

Only three pitchers from last year's array are back—Roger Wolff, Luman Harris and Russ Christopher. Their combined record was 27 wins and 43 loss. In the face of this situation Connie has come up with but one recruit from double A minor leagues, Jesse Flores, a 14-5 winner for Los Angeles last year. The other pitchers are class B and semi-pro performers hoping for a miracle.

The infield situation is just slightly better. Dick Siebert on first base, of course, can carry his share of the load and Pete Suder, who played at all other infield positions from time to time last year, has been designated the regular second baseman. Eddie Mayo, who hit .310 for Los Angeles last year has been installed at third base and Irving Hall, a .299 hitter from Williamsport in the Eastern League, is holding forth at shortstop.

Hall has not looked like a hitter in practice and this lineup is quite to change without notice. It quite possibly will be altered when and if Jimmy Pofahl joins the club. Pofahl, an unsuccessful shortstop with the Washington Senators, has to retire from baseball. The other half of the Senators deal for outfielder Bob Johnson, the Cuban leftfielder, Robert Estallera, reported to the A's today.

Estallera hits well in Shibe Park and has the inside track for the leftfield assignment with Joyner White, Seattle rookie, in center field and Elmer Valo, a holdover regular, again in tight. Valo, a .251 hitter, is the only outfielder of last year's team who will be back.

These then are the Athletics—not the same as last year, but not much different, either.

Otherwise, all of the positions on the team are wide open and after three days of practice Doc said it looked as though he might have an outfield composed entirely of freshmen.

The schedule released today includes only the 12 games which N. C. State will play in the "ration league" against North Carolina, Duke and the Chapel Hill Pre-Flight school.

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## Camp Davis Baseballers Hold Initial Practice

The initial call for Camp Davis baseball aspirants produced a turnout of 20 newcomers which, combined with a holdover group of ten veterans from last year's team lends an optimistic note to the diamond hopes of Captain Henry A. Johnson, AA coach.

"Iron Man" Bob Vaughn is on hand to curve his way into a triumphant streak as he enjoyed in 1942. This righthanded forkballer won eight, lost two and tied one during that campaign and ended or finished all but two of the Fighting AA games in a season which netted the Davis anti-aircrafters 12 wins, four losses and one tie.

A likely aide to Vaughn in the twirling department is portsider Bob Davis who twirled impressively for Zeke Bonura's Camp Shelby, Miss., outfit last year. Returning also is Lefty Eichelberger who filled in as a spot pitcher in '42.

Infield dependables include Joe Nesson at third, captain a year ago and the only three-sport camp representative; Joe Adubato at first base; and flashy Joe Lacorte at short. The outfield delegation is headed by the leading batsmen of last season, Rudy Gertz, ad repeaters Irv McIsaac, Nick Buccini and George Rodrigue.

The bulk of the catching will in all likelihood be handled by the competent John Delcastro who should be able to pick up a replacement from among a half dozen other backstops.

In 1942 the main weakness in an otherwise killed Camp Davis ball club was the inconsistency on the batting end, and the early workouts in particular will be designed to improve the stickwork among some of the second-year men, in addition to unearthing offensive power from the ranks of the Johnnies-come-lately. If such run-making technique is revealed, then Camp Davis rooters in general and Captain Henry Johnson in particular may do some proud pointing in a baseball direction, ere the season departs.

## 'SKILLS COLLEGE' TO OPEN AT YMCA

Physical Activities Under Expert Training Begin Monday

Featuring opportunities to learn the fundamental skills of a physical activity or sport, the First Annual "Skills College" is scheduled to get under way Monday, April 5th. The course, composed of classes in seven different activities, is scheduled to run for six weeks.

Activities included in the "Curriculum" are: swimming and lifesaving, weightlifting, wrestling, basketball, volleyball, handball and gymnastics. Competent instructors have been secured for each class. All activities are open to YMCA members without cost. Non-members may participate at a small nominal fee for the duration of the course.

Registrations will be taken at the YMCA desk until 10:30 p. m. Saturday, March 3. Positively no registrations will be accepted after the classes start.

Schedules of the classes are as follows: Swimming and lifesaving, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 6:30 p. m.; Wrestling, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 5:30 p. m.; weightlifting, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 5:30 p. m.; Gymnastics, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 p. m.; Handball, Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 p. m.; Basketball, Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p. m.; Volleyball, Tuesday and Thursday, 6 p. m.

The object of this course is to provide opportunity for those who wish to learn new physical activities for recreation and physical development or increase their skill and proficiency in some activity they are now familiar with; Certain phases of this course would be highly beneficial to young men expecting to enter the armed services. Further information may be secured by contacting Mr. Ghosson at the "Y."

## City Briefs

**ARRESTED**  
O. E. West, an escapee from the bureau of identification for ten days, was arrested Wednesday, according to Harry E. Fales, superintendent of the city-county identification bureau. "Full of embalming fluid," West was still violently sick Thursday.

**APPOINTED**  
John H. Hardin, vice president of the Wilmington Savings and Trust company, was appointed a member of the institution's board of directors at a meeting Thursday morning.

**AUTOS DAMAGED**  
An automobile owned by J. N. Bryant was struck at 17th and Dock streets Wednesday by an automobile driven by Odell Floyd, of Charleston, S. C., and owned by Guy Blackman, Maffitt Village. Both cars were considerably damaged.

**ARRESTED**  
Russell Miraglia was arrested at the Congress pool room near the North Carolina Ship building company yards Thursday afternoon on charges of possessing gambling devices and promoting gambling, the sheriff's department said on Thursday night. He will be given a hearing before Recorder H. Winfield Smith Friday morning.

**CLINIC**  
The monthly orthopedic clinic will be held at James Walker Memorial hospital from 9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. Saturday.

## KIRKWOOD TAKES SECOND SPOT ONE STROKE BEHIND

Leader Edges Narrow Win Over Runner-Up, 292 To 293

PINEHURST, March 25.—(P)—Bobby Cruickshank of Richmond, Va., won the wartime 41st Annual North and South Open Golf championship today with a total of 292—exactly 21 strokes above the 271 with which Ben Hogan won last year when most of the golfing great completed.

The elder professionals found that four rounds over the long championship course put their legs to quite a test. Bobby sprayed a number of second shots during the final round but managed a 75. His four earlier rounds were 71-72-74.

Cruickshank, a veteran of World War No. 1, didn't have any strokes to spare. Joe Kirkwood of Philadelphia finished one stroke back at 293. Third place was won by Joe Turnesa of Rockville Center, N. Y., with 295. Then came Gene Sarazen of Brookfield Center, Conn., with 296, and Johnny Farrell of Baltusrol, N. J., with 298.

The 48-year-old Cruickshank said that the shot that saved him came at the sixth hole of the final round. He was three over par at that time but knocked a brassie within six feet of the difficult par-three hole and dropped his putt for a deuce. This put him back in the party and he held on to win.

Cruickshank won the North and South back in 1926 and 1927 when Pinehurst had sand greens.

James T. Hunter of North Adams, Mass., who shares with Cruickshank the distinction of being a grandfather, was low amateur with 314. The best score made by a soldier and turned in by Private Ronnie Williams, a Detroit amateur, stationed at Camp Butler, N. C., who had a 315. Pvt. Les Kennedy of Camp Campbell, Ky., who had a 318, was low professional among the service men.

Only golfers 38 years old or over or those in the service were eligible to compete. The purse was \$2,000 in war bonds and Cruickshank won \$450, Kirkwood \$350, and Turnesa \$250. Hunter won \$100 in bonds for being low amateur.

"What I am trying to drive home," Doughton shouted, "is the simple fact that the Ruml plan not only favors the weather taxpayers as compared with their less fortunate brethren, but that it discriminates sharply against the fixed income individuals while tossing into the lap of persons enjoying a swollen war-time income a golden harvest which unjustly enriches him at the expense of his government, his fellow taxpayers, or both.

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"Our soldiers are not requesting forgiveness of a year's duty. In fact many of them are called upon to give an entire lifetime in one moment of duty."

**Cardinal Rookie Ends Ball Game With No Tie**  
CAIRO, Ill., March 25.—(P)—Gerry Burmeister, rookie catcher, drove in four runs for the winning team in an intrasquad game today at the St. Louis Cardinals' training camp.

Pitchers used for the six-inning stretch were Harry Gumbert, Edwin (Preacher) Ed George, Dockins, Harry Brecheen, Ted Wilks and Syl Donnelly, who was the day's best performer. The 5-3 contest was the first practice game that did not end in a tie.

## ETTEN PURCHASED BY NEW YORKERS

American Loop Champs Finally Get Strings To First Baseman

ASBURY PARK, N. J., March 25.—(P)—The New York Yankees now own first baseman Nick Etten, definitely and positively, Manager Joe McCarthy announced today after talking with President Ed Barrow in New York.

"The deal with the Phils has been settled," said McCarthy. "Some details yet remain to be settled, as there are one or two players involved whose names can't be announced yet."

It was inferred that the players involved might be two Yankee or Yankee farm hand players, who may be turned over to Bill Cox's club, if Ed Levy and Allen Gettel do not report to the Phils.

Levy, Gettel and Cash had been given by the Yanks to the Phils for Etten. Levy recently was reported headed for army service, and Gettel wanted to stay on his farm.

## BOWLING WANDERERS

Players 1st 2nd 3rd Total  
Lacock 112 139 128 479  
Riley 174 154 147 475  
Powell 144 133 120 406  
Jordan 131 159 167 457  
Johnson 132 132 132 396  
Duncan 123 138 261 522  
692 758 709 2160

Won 0, lost 3.  
**ROEBUCKS**  
Players 1st 2nd 3rd Total  
Kirk 183 181 235 599  
Schadt 179 153 156 488  
Hamilton 177 138 117 432  
King 194 166 147 507  
Roebuck 160 162 141 463  
893 800 816 2509

Won 3, lost 0.  
**UNKNOWN**  
Players 1st 2nd 3rd Total  
Hart 146 165 193 504  
Thomas 216 225 151 592  
King 161 199 168 528  
Doyle 179 157 206 542  
Grotgen 117 124 159 400  
819 870 897 2586

Won 1, lost 2.  
**LEGION**  
Player 1st 2nd 3rd Total  
Morse 189 147 134 470  
Davis 137 156 222 515  
Ramsey 162 119 173 454  
Rhodes 178 168 172 518  
McKelthan 184 173 204 561

Won 2, lost 1.  
**Tribe Carries Through With Intrasquad Team**

LaFAYETTE, Ind., March 25.—(P)—The Cleveland Indians' first intrasquad game pointed up the Tribe's manpower shortage, and today Vice-President Roger Peckinpaugh admitted he was trying to buy players he once wouldn't have claimed on waivers "for fear I might get them."

The extent of the shortage became fully apparent as Manager Lou Boudreau lined up two teams within the Indians' roster for a practice game yesterday.

The nine captured by third baseman Ken Keltner had a regular or an experienced substitute in every position except right field, where pitcher Al Smith filled in. But the team led by Catcher Buddy Rosar had pitcher Jim Bagby at second, pitcher Al Milner in left field, pitcher Allie Reynolds in right field and a Cleveland Sports Writer at third. The Keltner team won, 7 to 1.

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## CANNON-GRAHAM TO MEET AGAIN

"Battle Of Bullies" Rescheduled For Tuesday In Thalian Hall

A re-schedule "battle of the bullies" is the feature attraction of the regular Tuesday night wrestling program, with "Tiny" Cannon, who was disqualified last Tuesday for unnecessary roughness, and Roy Graham, who was not rough enough, crawling through the ropes for their second meeting.

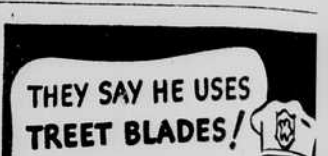
In the last bout of these "bullies" Cannon took all the punishment that Graham could deal out. Cannon became tired of being on the receiving end of the fray so he began to pound "Rough Boy" about the ring.

After several minutes of this and after repeatedly being warned to stop his unnecessary tactics, referee Charles Hornaday stepped in and awarded the fight to Roy Graham.

Graham's lone remark is "I beat that Cannon if I can just get my hands on him one more time."

In the supporting event of the evening, Promoter Canessa announces that he will bring two new faces to the local ring, and that plenty of action is expected in the bout.

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