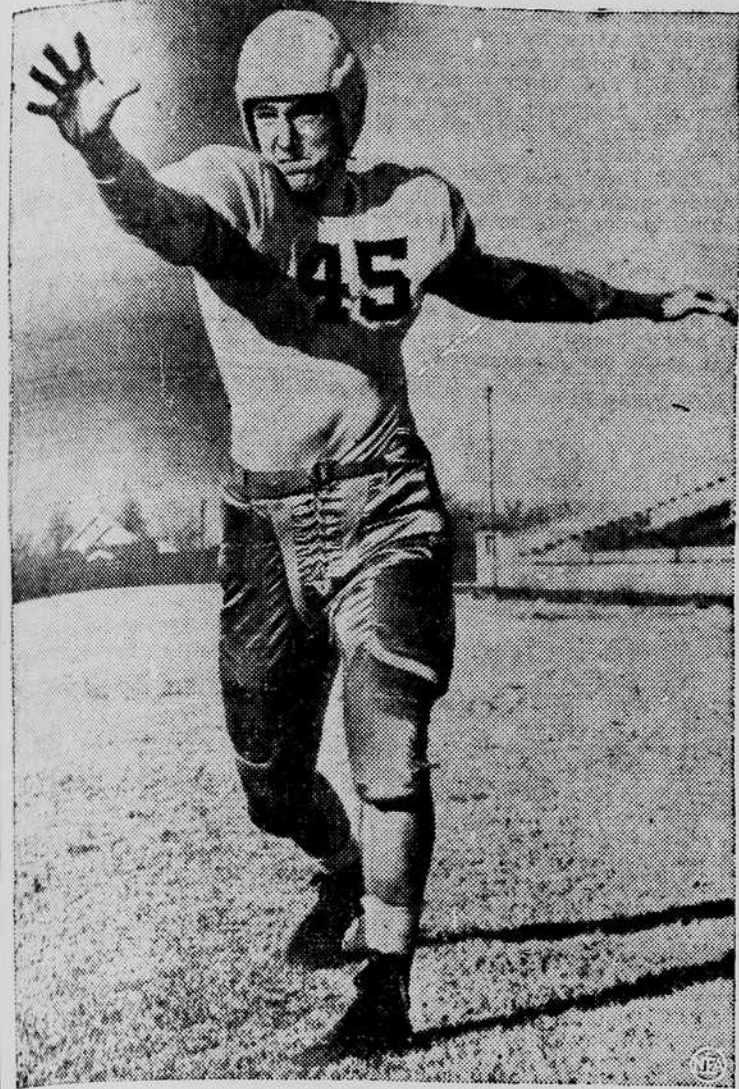


A Flyer Takes Off



Tall Glenn Dobbs, Tulsa All-America of a year ago, is back in the line again - Dallas Cotton Bowl this trip as Randolph Field's triple threat against Texas, Jan. 1.

Majors Expected To Be Dominated By Few

STAR PAUL WANER FORECASTS GOOD DIAMOND SEASON

Brooklyn Player Believes There Will Be Some Outstanding Men

SARASOTA, Fla., Dec. 15.—Paul Waner believes a handful of players will dominate major league baseball next year, the third season under wartime conditions.

"There should be several outstanding pitchers and a few highly-successful hitters," forecast the 40-year-old outfielder who himself is one of the game's great batters.

The general level is down, he explained, making it possible for players with above-the-average ability to show to more advantage than ever before.

"The pitching last season wasn't even close to normal," Waner continued. "And it would have shown up even worse had not there been a dead ball."

The batting was inferior, too. Remember that a lot of the good hitters are gone.

"It evens up, and keeps the game interesting."

But there should be several outstanding pitchers and a few highly-successful hitters.

"The fellows still left who have something on the ball should have an exceptional season."

The year just ending was a banner one for Waner, who now plays the outfield for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

He got his 3,600th National league base hit and his 1,000th base on balls, and won a place in the tiny group of hitters which includes only immortals like Ty Cobb and Honus Wagner.

Waner hopes to keep adding to his impressive totals in 1944, but he has no illusions about being as good as ever.

"You can compare me to a rubber ball which you keep bouncing against the side of the house," he said.

"After 20 years of bouncing the ball doesn't fly back as far and you have to step up to catch it."

"That's the way I am. I'm just not as fast as I was."

"Yet I don't think I am through yet. I've still got some baseball in my system."

As usual, Waner is spending the winter at his home here.

Fort Jackson Cage Team To Meet Carolina Quint

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 15.—The Fort Jackson Reception Center Red Raiders who have been burning up the service leagues in this neighborhood with a basketball team undefeated in 14 starts will get the first stiff test of their vaunted strength Saturday when they tangle with the University of North Carolina's potent Phantoms at Chapel Hill, N. C.

Staffed with former college stars and coached by Pfc. Bill Lufler, Presbyterian cage mentor for the past seven years, the Raiders are making time while there still some left to them for their reception center is to be closed January 1.

The team one of 40-odd operating in service leagues at the huge infantry training center has trimmed everything in sight with ease.

CONVICTED

MUSCATINE, Ia., Dec. 15.—Clarence Secrist, Muscatine florist, was convicted of petty larceny and fined \$100 by Justice J. C. Coster today as the result of a complaint accusing him of stealing floral wreaths from cemetery graves and re-selling them.

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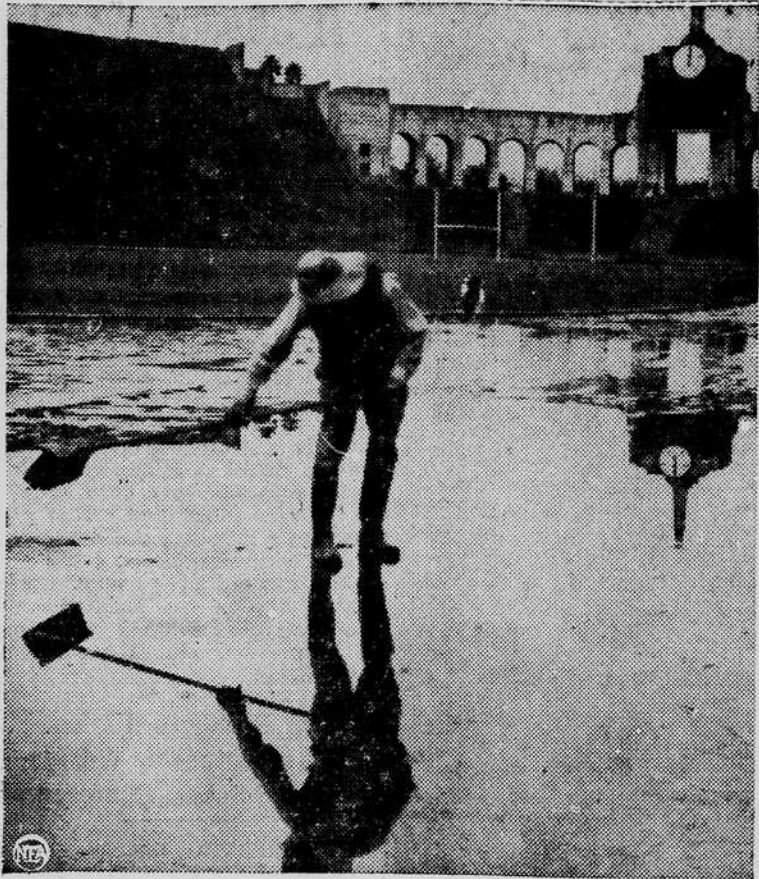
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Track Wet



Doing his best to cover up nature's reply to Chamber of Commerce is this lone soul vainly trying to de-rain Los Angeles Coliseum track in preparation for March Field-College of Pacific football game. Field is all right, and Flyers found it so in smacking Tigers 19-0.

Battle Of Kiev Bulge Has Strategic Impact

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cast bank of the Teterew river to secure the added protection of its waters and banks against Nazi tanks.

No Russian withdrawal from the Malin sector, 25 miles due north, is reported. At that point Soviet forces are still west of the Teterew and astride three roads converging southward on Radomysl.

The impression is that the Nazi thrust to Radomysl is on a dangerously narrow front and obviously open to Russian flank attacks from the north. To exploit it in a deeper drive at Kiev itself, 55 miles eastward, the German attack must turn either northeastward down river to reach the Kiev-Korosten railroad or southeastward down river to reach the Kiev-Korosten railroad after forcing the Teterew river line.

Unless the Nazi commander can promptly expand his front, the Radomysl dent could become a trap for his advance forces. It appears to have been yielded by the

Russians because it was more vulnerable to tank attack than positions along the east bank of the Teterew. Moscow reports stressed that there had been no Russian back-tracking above that point.

The power massed by the Nazis against the crucial face of the Kiev bulge tends to confirm the impression that it is the key to the whole Russian front in the eyes of the German high command.

London estimates that at least one-third of all Nazi armored forces in Russia have been concentrated in the attempt to retake Kiev and thus unhinge the whole Russian attack front west of the Dnieper above Kiev.

German thrusts at Kiev must tend to defer the expected Russian winter offensive campaign farther north. Short of an immediate and decisive breakthrough in the vicinity of Kiev, however, there seems small prospect that the resurgent Nazi bulge offensive can materially relieve pressure in the Dnieper bend in time to avert a further German retreat on a wide front there.

Lane Says Water Rate Hike Should Be Delayed

In a statement Wednesday night, Ronald Lane, city councilman said that he is not in favor of raising water rates until the new plant has been in operation long enough to determine whether or not an increase is necessary.

Lane stated he felt it might be possible that a raise in price would not be necessary as the new plant should be cheaper to operate than the old one, and that other savings might be possible.

The city council considered Monday morning that it might be necessary to increase the department's over-all income to make the water and sewer units self-supporting.

Lane says that he agrees with the principle that the water department should be self-supporting, but he is impossible to determine what the cost should be.

BYRD IS FAVORED IN MIAMI MATCH

Former Baseball Star Works Hard To Win Big Link Event

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 15.—Late entries sent the field for the \$5,000 Miami Open Golf Tournament over the hundred mark on the eve of the first round today, and Chairman H. H. Arnold struck the keynote for the war-time event with the observation:

"Usually you can pick out five names and know you've got the winner among them. This year—well, here's the list. You can take your choice."

War and transportation difficulties eliminated most of the outstanding players, he pointed out, but the situation enhanced the chances of the in-and-outers.

The players' choice, Sammy Byrd of Detroit, was the hardest working golfer on the course as he struggled earnestly in practice to get his chipper into working order for the four rounds of money play.

He was anxious to vindicate the judgment of fellow professionals who gave him a slight edge over National Open Champion Craig Wood, of Mamaroneck, N. Y., and Ecb Hamilton, putting expert of Evansville, Ind.

"It's a special trick to make the ball stick on the small greens at the Miami Springs course," Byrd explained, "and that's going to tell the story."

Byrd, the former major league baseball player, has three reasons for wanting to win the tournament—he needs the \$1,000 first money, he is 1-A in the draft and may not get to play again for the duration, and he has tried three times in the Miami Open without winning more than \$25 on any occasion.

Gene Sarazen and Willie MacFarlane, former National Open champions, represent the old guard in the starting field, while Ens, Willie Turnesa, former United States amateur titleholder, is the hope of the play-for-fun crew.

Johnny Bulla of Atlanta, a former touring professional who is playing here during a vacation from his duties as a pilot for Eastern Air Lines, laughed over his inclusion by some pickers among the 10 players most likely to win.

"I'm just getting some of the high altitude out of my system," he said.

BEARS, STEAGLES LEAD PRO LEAGUE

Two Powerful Clubs Dominate Offensive And Defensive Play

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The Chicago Bears, who won the Western division championship, and the Phil-Pitt Eagles, who missed out on a one-third share of the Eastern crown by an eyelash walked off with every major offensive and defensive honor in the National Football league this season, the final official statistics showed today.

The Bears chalked up these firsts:

Total offense (yards by rushing and passing), 404.5 yards a game.

Passing offense, 239.4 yards a game.

Total defense (yards to which opponents were held by rushing and passing), 266.2 yards a game.

Passing defense, opponents limited to 98 yards a game.

And these were the Phil-Pitt team's laurels:

Rushing defense, opponents limited to 79.3 yards a game.

Rushing offense, 173 yards a game.

The Chicagoans, who will play in the National league's championship game here Dec. 26 against the winner of next Sunday's Eastern playoff between the Washington Redskins and New York Giants took second place in the only offensive department in which they failed to top first honors, averaging 165.1 yards rushing or about nine yards less a game than Phil-Pitt.

But they wound up a poor fifth in rushing defense, New York grabbing second with 100.6 yards allowed each foe on the ground, and Green Bay, the Chicago Cardinals and Detroit beating out the Bears.

The Green Bay Packers trailed the Chicagoans across the finishing line in total defense, with 335.1 yards a game, and in passing offense with 100.9 yards a contest.

The defending champion Washington team was not out in the cold, however, for Sammy Baugh passed the Redskins to a new league record in aerial efficiency of 139 completions in 254 attempts, an average of .547 successful throws. This mark will stand as it now reads, for Sunday's playoff statistics will not count in the season figures.

The final team marks:

Total yards gained per game—Chicago Bears 404.5; Green Bay 335.1.

Yards rushing per game—Phil-Pitt 173; Chicago Bears 165.1.

Yards passing per game—Chicago Bears 239.4; Green Bay 190.9.

Per cent of passing completed—Washington .547; Chicago Bears .511.

Opponents' yards per game—Chicago Bears 226.2; Phil-Pitt, 230.1.

Opponents' yards by rushing per game—Phil-Pitt 79.3; New York, 100.6.

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Mannagoff To Meet Massey In No Time Limit Affray

There will be a great contrast between the weather and the action at Thalian Hall Friday night. It may be frigid on the outside, but the grappling performances to take place on the inside are certain to be of a torrid nature.

The two fracas offered on the snappy card are scraps that have all the makings of being the most exciting engagements to take place here in some while. All the underlying factors point toward both of them being packed with action from the first bell to the closing gong.

The opening tiff is to be a meeting of two of the most popular grapplers of this section Lanky Pete Mannagoff and Al Massey are slated to hook up in a no time limit affray. Both of these bone benders usually resort to scientific methods, but at times the versatile Massey makes use of his fists by sending thundering blows to his opponent's frame.

Mannagoff is a most entertaining wrestler to watch in action, as he makes his long arms and legs fit perfectly into his style of attack. Numerous times an amazed grappler finds himself sprawled on the floor due to one of Pete's powerful drop kicks.

Milo Steinborn, the muscular former weight-lifter, collides with rowdy Cowboy Luttrall in the main event. Absolutely anything can



MILO STEINBORN

happen in this bout, as the two participants employ unique methods. Steinborn's favorite hold is the bear hug, and once the mighty man gets this hold grip on a man, it's usually the end of the match.

TROPICAL TRACK OPENS WITH BANG

8,862 Racing Fans Witness Opening Day Handicap

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 15.—An opening day crowd of 8,862 watched Allen T. Simmons' five-year-old gelding Harvard Square hang on gamely today to win the \$2,500 first division of Tropical Park's inaugural Handicap.

Despite the gasoline shortage and other war-time problems, the attendance approached the record opening turnout of 9,381 in 1941.

Jockey Al Snider kept Harvard Square on the inside and turned him loose in a stirring stretch run to beat out Herbert M. Woolf's favored Pig Tails by a head.

J. P. Partridge's Minee-Mo closed fast and almost caught up at the finish, ending up a head back of Pig Tails.

The win price on Harvard Square was \$14.10.

M. F. Mannagh's Liberty Flight, at \$12.40 for \$2, won the first race of the 1943 season.

The second division of the Inaugural Handicap, split into two sections because of the large entry

game—Chicago Bears 98; Washington 102.6.

Punting average—Washington 45.1 yards; Detroit 41.5 yards.

Marty Marion's Mother Dies

ABBEVILLE, S. C., Dec. 15.—Mrs. J. W. Marion, 53, the mother of three widely known baseball players, died at her home here today after a long illness.

She is survived by four sons, Martin Marion, infielder of the St. Louis Cardinals; John W., of the St. Paul club of the American Association; Roy C., of the Nashville club of the Southern Association, and Charles R., of the Navy Air Corps.

The funeral will be held Friday at 11 a. m., in Richburg, S. C.

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Able Eddie Prokop Makes Georgia Tech Eleven Tick

Atlanta.—If Georgia Tech could only harness Eddie Prokop to the law of averages, there'd be no doubt who'd win the Sugar Bowl game New Year's Day. However, unbeaten Tulsa III have its hands full.

The Cleveland Cannoner threw the ball this season on the average of every other play—and he completed every other pass for an average gain of 12.2 yards. On average plays he plowed up opposing lines at the rate of 4.6 yards a snap.

Succeeded Castleberry... It was Prokop's big year. He came to Georgia Tech from Chattanooga's football-conscious Bayliss School with a gold-plated reputation as a runner and passer.

As a freshman he ran over everything in sight, but his sophomore season—his first with the varsity

Prokop signed with the Navy V-12 program. Came spring, and Castleberry was called for active service. Prokop also was put in uniform, but the Navy re-assigned him to Georgia Tech to complete his engineering studies.

It was Eddie's chance, and he made the most of it. In the off-season he underwent a knee operation which restored his superlative running skill. When Coach Bill Alexander called practice July 20, Prokop was on deck. All through the broiling summer he practiced passing, place-kicking, blocking and ball-handling including swift break-away runs which were to delight fall fans.

When September came Prokop was ready. He started slowly but picked up speed and precision along the line. He reached his season's peak at New Orleans Nov. 13 when he completed 11 successive passes in the second half.

Steady Workhorse... In 10 regular games he failed only once to gain 100 or more yards. That was against Clemson when he and the entire first team was withdrawn after six minutes of play to prevent a complete rout.

Against mighty Notre Dame he handled the ball 35 times gaining 132 yards.

In season's play he ranked second only to Indiana's Bob Hoernschmeyer among the nation's ground-gainers. His 10-game worksheet credited him with 1440 yards on 269 running and passing plays. He ranked No. 3 nationally (behind Georgia's Johnny Cook and Hoernschmeyer) in forward passing offense completing 66 out of 133 for 806 yards. Only 17 of his pitches were intercepted.

He was 11th in rushing offense gaining 634 yards in 136 carries.

He kicked off frequently and attempted Tech's points after touchdowns when the first team was in the game converting 24 out of 30.

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