

SPORTS TRAIL

BY WHITNEY MARTIN

NEW YORK, March 19.—Well, it's time for the Brooklyn Dodgers to move over. They've got company in the class of daffy baseball clubs. The Cincinnati Reds, no less.

Now it's a little hard to reconcile the businesslike and efficient Red organization with anything less than the balmy side, it's right there on the blotter. The Cincinnati club muscle magician, little by little, to get the boys coming to third base while the Red organization was running to first. The soundness of little Red's ideas and his record of achievement we think it was a good plan and that the players benefited, but you'll have to admit it was a little unusual in the training of a baseball team.

This year they are going in for the rumba and conga, although the parts of the anatomy getting the most benefit from these exercises aren't the most important to ball players, unless they plan to give base runners the hip as they round second, or figure on fooling a man chasing them down the baseline, the weaving beam making it difficult for the chaser to tell which way his quarry will dodge next.

Anyway, we understand it was quite a session the Reds held at the instigation of Skipper Bill McKechnie, with some of the players getting so involved with their own feet and otherwise twisted into knots that it might be necessary

to call back little Bill Miller to iron them out again. The class was led by Senor Tomas de la Cruz, a Cuban who does a mean rumba, and the music was furnished by a high school class capably pumping an accordion, although from the onlookers standpoint it might have been better if they had given the players accordions and let the girl do the dancing, even if the assault on the ears would be terrible to behold, or behave.

We have heard of prize fighters, notably Harry Greb, training on dancing, and we have suspected that some fighters we have seen trained on waltz music, but we still can't figure out how ability to do the rumba is going to help a lead-footed catcher throw out a man at second base. After all, the ball is thrown with the arm.

The rumba might be safer, at that, than the exercise Bucky Walters took on a free-lance basis last year. Bucky tried a little impromptu high jumping, with results that possibly might have knocked out any pennant chances the Reds had. He injured his leg, and wasn't his pitching self until midseason.

We have an idea the other clubs won't be copying McKechnie's dancing class. They all don't have Cuban experts on the rosters, for one thing. And maybe all the players aren't as docile as the Reds, for another. After all, you can drive a ball player only so far, and we have an idea even the Reds will balk—not the pitchers—if a knitting class is suggested.

Sgt. Dutch Harrison Leads Charlotte Open

CHARLOTTE, March 19.—A cold wind-driven rain caused postponement today of the final 36 holes of the \$10,000 Charlotte open golf tournament.

Weather permitting, the field of 43 pros and 15 amateurs will resume play tomorrow with Sgt. Dutch Harrison of the Army Air Forces out front with 136 at the halfway point. Only Harold (Jug) McSpaden of Philadelphia, chief money winner of the winter tour, and Byron Nelson of Toledo had much chance of heading off the flying Harrison. McSpaden was two shots off the pace at 138 and Nelson was two strokes further back with a pair of 70's.

If The Flying Dutchman of the air forces keeps up his present pace and wins, he will be the first member of the armed forces to cop a major golf prize.

But the weather hurt the slender Arkansan's chances. He does three tours this year, and Nelson, former national and PGA champion, are favorites with the odds layers.

Harrison has not been on the winter tour, and here he has not been hitting the ball with the same confidence as the day he burned up the course with a sizzling 66 and his 70 yesterday including two eagles, one of them an amazing hole-in-one.

The ace, about as rare in a golf tournament as a jackpot in a kyp joint slot machine, came on the 135-yard twelfth. While Nelson

and Jimmy Hines stood by, the sergeant used a seven iron for the perfect stroke.

The ball had a slight draw and came into the hole. It hit about a foot and a half to the left of the cup, jumped to the left, stopped, and had so much back spin on it that it rolled back four inches into the hole.

For the final 36 holes the field was pared to the 39 leading pros (including ties) and the dozen leading amateurs. The amateur leader at the half-way mark is Ed Furgol of Birmingham, Mich., with a 148.

CARDINALS PLAN SWIFT TRAINING

CAIRO, Ill., March 19.—With only 19 days "down south" to condition his team, Manager Billy Southworth of the St. Louis Cardinals drew on an experience of his own playing career in making plans today for an intensified spring training program.

Billy the Kid, who played outfield with the New York National under John McGraw, recalled that the Little Napoleon once sent the Giants through 14 innings of baseball on the first day of a training season, and "it didn't hurt any of us."

With that in mind, Southworth intends to start his own Cardinals playing right off the bat in a similar hurry-up system. However, draft-engendered uncertainty about some players made it problematical how many men would show up for the opening of the Redbirds' spring camp at Cairo, tomorrow.

But as soon as possible, Southworth plans to hold one long work out daily, starting about 10:30 a. m. with batting and fielding practice and then swinging right into an intra-squad game until 2 or 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Because of the limited time to work with his recruits, the manager also will hold evening "skull" sessions at the team's hotel, going over the details and mechanics of various plays to be executed in the outdoor drill.

TWO-TONS MINUTE DROPPED ON EUROPE

(Continued from Page One) vy bombers—about 20,000 tons of bombs have been dropped; including the new six-ton factory busters.

The dusk attack by the Fortress against Pas-de-Calais met no German fighter opposition, it was announced, but anti-aircraft fire was heavy. P-47 Thunderbolts escorted the bombers while P-51 Mustang fighters conducted an offensive sweep and other Thunderbolts rigged as fighter-bombers attacked a German airfield in Holland.

Pas de Calais, in the area where Prime Minister Churchill has said the Germans were making rocket and robot plane installations to attack England, was first hit today by an RAF Mosquito bomber force escorted by Spitfires.

Then waves of American Marauders escorted by Thunderbolts swept in at 10-minute intervals. Finally at dusk the Fortresses attacked in the 18th American heavy bomber raid on the "rocket coast" since Christmas and the third in nine days. They returned in darkness, requiring landing lights on their home runways.

Returning fliers said the weather was overcast over the interior of Europe but the coast was clear and they believed their attack was unusually successful.

GIL DODDS SETS NEW MILE RECORD

BY CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN

CHICAGO, March 19.—Gil Dodds preached a sermon at Goshen, Ind., today. And to him that was a greater milestone in his career than setting a world's record in the mile run.

After 13,500 spectators cheered him on to a sensational 4:06.4 bankers' mile victory in the Chicago relays Saturday night, the Boston Divinity student stepped to the public address mike and nervously said in effect that he was more excited about his sermon at Goshen than he was in his mile race.

Unbeaten in seven consecutive mile races this year, the bespectacled Dodds capped the indoor season by breaking a world's competitive indoor record which only a week before he had posted in the Knights of Columbus meet at New York with a time of 4:07.3.

The screaming throng in Chicago stadium and the competition from Bill Hulise of the New York Athletic club hurried the little person on to his sensational triumph.

Hulise broke on top and kept the lead the first lap, but Dodds passed him in the second and was never behind thereafter. Hulise, however, kept glued to his back for nine more laps before Dodds opened the throttle, gulped in air and swept home in front with 20 yards to spare.

Five official timers clocked him at 4:06.4 and the sixth tabbed him at 4:06.3.

It was the fastest official mile ever run by an American, and is topped only by Sweden's Arne Anderson with 4:02.6 and Gunder Haegg with 4:04.6. Glenn Cunningham turned in his famous but unofficial 4:04.4, on Dartmouth's huge plank oval which requires only five and a half laps for the mile as compared with 11 on most other indoor set ups. Dodds has declined an offer to run on the Dartmouth boards in an attempt to best Cunningham's mark.

Dodds' record was accomplished by blazing through the first quarter of the Bankers' mile in 60 seconds flat, eight-tenths of a second faster than he ran a week ago while setting his 4:07.3 pace. He followed this blistering time with 1:01, 1:03 and 1:02 on the three successive quarters.

McQuirk Beats Krobarth In Legion Arena Battle

BY BILL McILWAIN

Irish Johnny McQuirk, 128 pound hammerer from Hartford, Conn., punched out a decision over Andy Krobarth in the featured 10 round battle on the six-bout ring card at the American Legion Arena Saturday night.

The aggressive McQuirk pushed the fight all the way and kept the shifty Krobarth in constant trouble with long right hooks and snappy left jabs. Both warriors were in excellent physical condition and belted away at top speed throughout the entire fracas. Krobarth displayed crafty defensive tactics as he made the whirlwind-like McQuirk miss on numerous occasions.

McQuirk racked up his points by never ceasing his endless moving in with both hands flailing away. Despite his throwing of

many punches that did not connect with the dancing Krobarth, Johnny held the big end of the swatting, as he rocked Krobarth with several larruping rights to the head.

The semi-final tiff was no less exciting as Bev Saunders, 16 year-old Wilmington wallpaper, and Jimmy Curran, hardhitting soldier middleweight, battled to a 5 round draw.

Curran, a veteran of many leather tossing bees had a slight advantage over the less experienced Saunders in the first two heats, but the promising youngster finished the fight in complete charge of affairs. Saunders' splendid showing against the rugged Curran gave additional notice that he is a definite glove prospect.

Rounding out the entertaining action were three preliminaries and a Battle Royal.

Basketball Teams Reach Grand Climax This Week

NEW YORK, March 19.—College basketball sweeps to a grand seasonal climax this week with no less than seven double-headers at Madison Square Garden and at Kansas City to determine the champion of the National Invitation tourney and the Eastern and Western NCAA title-holders.

After this week only two dates remain, March 23, when the east and west NCAA champions tangle for the NCAA title; and March 30 when the NCAA champion meets the national invitation tourney winner for the recognized national title.

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KILLED IN ACTION

HICKORY, March 19.—Sgt. James Woodrow Parham of Maidens, previously listed as missing, has been officially listed as killed in action in a raid over Germany. He was a gunner on a bomber.

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WEATHER

(Eastern Standard Time)

(By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday.

Temperature
1:30 a. m., 62; 7:30 a. m., 52; 1:30 p. m., 47; 7:30 p. m., 46.
Maximum, 62; minimum, 44; mean, 53; normal, 54.

Humidity
1:30 a. m., 97; 7:30 a. m., 91; 1:30 p. m., 84; 7:30 p. m., 96.

Precipitation
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.33 inches.

Total since the first of the month, 4.88 inches.

Tides For Today
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey).

Wilmington High 6:16a, Low 12:55a
6:38p, 1:30p

Masonboro Inlet High 3:58a, Low 10:23a
4:21p, 10:38p

Sunrise, 6:16 a. m.; sunset, 6:23 p. m.; moonrise, 3:34a; moonset, 2:11p.

MISSING

HICKORY, March 19.—(P)—Reported missing in action in Italy are Pfc. Melvin C. Waugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Waugh of Hiddenite; and Cpl. Jasper J. Bowman, son of Jason H. Bowman of Taylorsville, route one.

The Red Cross is working on a recruiting goal of 2500 nurses a month for the Army and Navy.

TAR HEELS SEEK CAPABLE HURLERS

War-Time Problems Cause Forming Of "Ration League"

CHAPEL HILL, March 19.—Coach Bunn Hearn, head North Carolina baseball coach for 13 consecutive seasons, opened practice this week and drills through yesterday indicated that another first class nine might be constructed if a couple of capable hurlers are found.

More than 60 candidates have answered the first week's call for aspirants and six of that number are holdovers from last year's team that won the Ration League title. Not one of the holdovers ever pitched and the chances are that the mound duties will have to be carried by an incoming array of high school twirlers.

War-time problems of travel and the abandonment of baseball by several of the schools usually on the Carolina slate have cut out the intersectional battles although Navy will be played at Annapolis if current plans are carried out.

The Ration League will be formed again with Duke, N. C. State, Pre-Flight and Carolina, the same teams that were in the League last year, meeting four times each.

"Our schedule has not been completed yet," Coach Hearn said today, "but we will have it drawn up in a few days and expect to open the season with a game with somebody on April 15."

"We have five first stringers back from the team we had last year and that should make us a pretty good team if we can dig up a couple of pitchers," the general mentor said.

Whitey Black, and Rivers Johnson, outfielders; Ray Walters and Wideman make up the returning varsity first stringers. Dallas Branch, a reserve second sacker on the '43 nine, is also among the candidates and has shown up well in the light batting practices held thus far.

Two men up from last year's frosh squad, Bill Gilliam, leftfielder, and Jack Dean, shortstop. The great majority of aspirants

VICTORY IS SCORED OVER NAZI U-BOATS

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some 300 of his depleted U-boat personnel was scored by vessels which average little more than 1,000 tons and have an average complement of 125 officers and men. The speedy little craft are usually armed with only four-inch anti-aircraft guns, depending on their speed and the tremendous crushing power of their depth charges to hunt down and break up submarine packs.

GOP IS STUDYING REVAMPING PLAN

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Maloney proposes simply that a committee of 12 Senate and House members be set up to recommend modernization.

LaFollette would abolish 20 of the 33 standing committees of the Senate and limit Senators to membership on only one major committee. Now most of them serve on five or six.

NAZIS SURRENDERING IN CASSINO CITY

(Continued from Page One) once did a thriving business with tourists to see the famous Benedictine Abbey of Mt. Cassino, was converted into a fortress by the Germans who ran their tanks into the lobby, put snipers at the windows, and dug infantry troops into the surrounding neighborhood.

The hotel is situated strategically in the area where the highway runs into the town from the east—ground which the New Zealanders must hold to push beyond Monastery Hill and out into the broad valley which runs toward Rome.

From a valley outside Cassino, one could see Allied tanks maneuvering in the town, their guns flashing as they swung on Nazi strongpoints.

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