

SPORTS TRAIL

By WHITNEY MARTIN
NEW YORK, May 26.—The place is bleak and deserted now, a vast, week-grown pock mark on the Long Island flats and they do say that on still nights eerie noises resembling the surly roar of a mob swell up from the tiers upon tiers of vacant seats, and ghostly figures flit about in frenzied, unceasing activity in the heart of the arena.

They might be only the rebounds of that night 10 years ago this Sunday, of course, when two little men slugged it out in the heat and glare of lights which only intensified the surrounding darkness that hid yelling thousands.

It was a bitter, dog-eat-dog fight from which one of the participants was to emerge as something of a hero, judged on the then prevalent standards. He was adding a second—a third if you count the synthetic junior welter title to his list, and that, in those days when our heroes were identified with the prize ring, gridiron and baseball field instead of the battlefield, was triumph supreme.

GREATER HERO NOW

The little guy who emerged the hero that night today holds no title but oddly enough he is a greater hero than ever he was when he fought to the roar of the crowd and the tinkle of the cash drawer.

He is Barney Ross, a flat-pinned, friendly little fellow, his black hair streaked with becoming gray, his sturdy body wound-scarred and fever-wracked. He couldn't go 15 rounds now, but long after he had hung up his gloves he fought, and won, a finish fight against overwhelming odds in the terrifying, rain-drenched blackness of the

Guadalcanal jungle, and he prizes the Silver Star awarded for gallantry more than he would all the prize fight titles from flyweight to heavyweight.

Only 10 years ago, but it might have been yesterday except for the world-shaking events that crowded themselves into the intervening years.

No one watching the agile, muscular little guy dancing and sharp-shooting his way to the decision and the welter championship that night could visualize what lay ahead for the happy warrior. They might have guessed that he would lose the title to the same man the next time out, as it was a close fight and many thought Jimmy McLarnin had won. And they might even have guessed he would win it back the third time they met, which he did.

WRONG GUESS

But otherwise they would have guessed his future as that of all fighters—the inroads of the years, the eventual loss of his ring honors, and oblivion.

In their wildest flight of imagination they would never have pictured that today, 10 years later, Barney Ross would be more in the public eye than ever, with an enviable record of service to his country and an honorable medical discharge from the United States Marines.

But Barney Ross had only begun to fight that night of May 21, 1938, when, after taking a terrible beating from Henry Armstrong in the same Long Island bowl in which he had won the welter title, almost four years to the day before, he hung up his gloves and said he was all through.

TIGERS DROP 3RD TO ATHLETIC 3-2

DETROIT, May 26.—(AP)—The Philadelphia Athletics continued to cool off the once red-hot Detroit Tigers, winning 3 to 2 today behind the pitching of Bobo Newsom and Jittery Joe Berry for their third straight victory of the series. It was Detroit's 12th home defeat in 12 games and their sixth in succession.

Newsom blanked his former mates for eight innings but was removed after passing the first two batters in the ninth.

The Tigers then broke through for two runs after 17 scoreless innings before Berry stamped out the rally. Newsom lost to Detroit on two unearned runs last week.

The A's gathered nine hits off Paul Trout, who suffered his fourth defeat, but all three runs were unearned. Trout had beaten Philadelphia seven straight games.

The A's scored two runs in the first and one in the third. With two out Ford Garrison was safe in the first on Joe Hoover's error and stole second. Frank Hayes doubled Garrison home and scored on Dick Siebert's single.

George Kell singled and took second on Roger Cramer's error in the third and scored on Hayes' single.

Rudy York and Pinky Higgins drew passes in the ninth, and Jimmy outlaw greeted Berry with a single, scoring York. The bases were filled on a fielder's choice, but Berry fanned Bob Swift and got pinch hitter Paul Richards on a run scoring fly. Pinch hitter Don Ross then lined out.

Philadelphia . . . 201 000 000—3 9 1
 Detroit . . . 000 000 002—2 8 2
 Batteries: Philadelphia: Hayes, Newsom and Berry; Detroit: Swift and Trout.

Backstop



Carolina and Duke teams will clash at Durham Saturday in a unique triple bill—tennis at 2, track at 2:40, and baseball at 3 o'clock. Ray Walters (above) is star backstop and clean-up man for the Tar Heel nine. Carolina won the initial game at the Hill, but it took an 8th inning rally, as Duke led up to that point 4 to 3.

Dodgers Option Hart, Purchase Jack Bolling

NEW YORK, May 26.—(AP)—The Brooklyn Dodgers announced today they had optioned Bill Hart, a shortstop, to the New Orleans club of the Southern Association, and had purchased Jack Bolling, a first baseman, lefthanded batter, had a trial with the Philadelphia Phillies two years ago.

ENLIST IN NAVY

Enlisting this week in the U. S. Navy reserve from nearby areas were Lafayette Lloyd Sandy and Harold Maxton Price, of Clinton, James Hutchinson Smith and Bernard Clayton Hester, of Bladenboro and Fred Douglas, Negro, of Wilmington.

'BLUE BRIGADE' PLAY FLORENCE

CAMP DAVIS, N. C., May 26.—Riding high on the strength of two shutouts in its last two outings the Blue Brigade engages the Florence, S. C., Air Base in a weekend series, the first game getting underway at the Maple Hill diamond tomorrow at 5:45 o'clock.

That the Camp Davis pitching has played a most important part in the season's activities is evidenced by the total of 16 runs allowed the opposition in seven games. And with Jim Hearn's no-hitter against formidable Ft. Bragg still fresh in the minds of Antiaircrafters the Blue Brigade expects to take the Florence Flyers into camp twice.

Ray Oban will face the visitors on the firing line. The former Camp Edwards, Mass., flinger was impressive in his six-inning effort against Camp Pickett last Saturday. Except for that contest the Chunky righthander has received little batting support from his AA mates. But with the recent debuts of Johnny Bezemes, Ed Stoekel and Johnny Boshart the Blue Brigade power has been accelerated and Major Johnson, AA coach, is hopeful that the stickwork will rival the super-quality pitching unfurled thus far.

With the one substitution of Oban for Hearn in the pitcher's box the Camp Davis lineup today will be the same as confronted Ft. Bragg. Batting order: Caliento, 1f; Oban p; Bezemes, rf; Cvangros, 3b; Boshart, 1b; Stoekel cf; Lacorte, 2b; DeLuca, c; Postolesse, ss.

Sunday's meeting is also listed for 5:45 at the Antiaircraft Center.

PHILLIES BUMPED FOR 9 TO 1 LOSS

PHILADELPHIA, May 26.—(AP)—The Chicago Cubs removed the jinx formerly held over them by Lefty Al Gerheuser in routing the Phillies 9 to 1, for their sixth successive victory today.

The Bruins landed on Gerheuser for seven hits and six runs in the first three innings, while Paul Derringer sprinkled nine hits sparsely for the route to get credit for the victory. The Cubs recorded 14 safe wallops in all.

The Phillies escaped a shutout when Jimmy Waddell and Charlie Letchus doubled in the sixth.

Chicago . . . 042 000 120—9 14 0
 Philadelphia . . . 000 001 000—1 9 2
 Batteries: Chicago: Holm and Derringer; Philadelphia, Finley Gerheuser, Covington and Donohue.

SENIORS HONORED WITH LAUNCHING

Launching of the S. S. Game Cock yesterday honored the graduating class of New Hanover high school when the ship was christened by a member of the senior class at the yard of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company.

Reigning over the ceremonies was Miss Charlene Register, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Register, of 1012 South Fourth street, who was chosen as sponsor by vote of the class.

Her attendants were Miss Byah Thomason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Thomason of 313 Colonial Drive, and Miss Betty Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Evans, 212 South Lumina avenue, Wrightsville Beach.

Recognition of the Senior class at the launching makes the second year the shipyard has contributed the exercises as part of the graduating program. The custom was started in 1943 and is expected to be continued in the future with the seniors selecting the sponsor and her attendants.

The C-2 type ship is the 162nd vessel to reach completion at the yard. She is named for an extreme clipper ship launched at East Boston December 21, 1850. The original Gamecock never came up to expectation of her owners as to speed, but she earned the reputation through 30 years of hard service as being one of the fastest ships afloat.

Under command of Captain Jayne, the vessel left New York June 10, 1859 and crossed the line on June 29. The best day on her maiden voyage, with Captain Hollis in command, was 325 miles. While at Shanghai in June, 1882, she was offered for sale but no transfer was made. Several years later she was sold to Robert L. Taylor and others, of New York, who were at that time owners of the celebrated clipper Young America. The Game Cock was finally condemned at the Cape of Good Hope, in February, 1880.

PIRATES ROMP ON BRAVES 7-5

BOSTON, May 26.—(AP)—Two pinch batters came through for Frankie Frisch today and their successful efforts enabled the Pittsburgh Pirates to defeat the Braves 7 to 5 in the rubber contest of a three game series.

In the seventh, Bob Elliott walked and scored on Frankie Gustine's double. After Babe Dahlgren popped out, Vince DiMaggio singled to left scoring Gustine. Al Ruebling, batting for Preacher Roe, doubled to left to score DiMaggio.

In the eighth Hutchinson walked both Tom O'Brien, who replaced Russell, and Elliott and Frank Colman, batting for Gustine, drove a home run over the right field fence for what proved the winning runs.

Pittsburgh . . . 010 000 330—7 7 0
 Boston . . . 000 021 101—5 12 0
 Batteries: Pittsburgh: Lopez, Roe, Rescigno and Sewell; Boston: Klutz, Andrews, Hutchinson and Klipp.

Florida U. Will Resume Football, Says Tom Lieb

By WAYNE OLIVER
GAINESVILLE, Fla., May 26.—(AP)—Coach Tom Lieb, preparing for the resumption of football at the University of Florida after a year layoff, is hard at work on a campaign to keep home talent at home.

The husky, graying mentor said today he has a good crop of freshmen lined up for the Gators but that to tell who they are before they are registered "would be advertising the contacts we have made as well as serve as a road map for the men from other schools who are working this state."

Lieb and university alumni have unhappy memories of past years when many of the state's best high school players have gone to schools outside the state and the Gators have been beaten frequently by Florida boys playing for other teams.

Florida is one of the seven Southeastern Conference schools planning to resume football after dropping out of competition because of the war, and, like most of them, will start virtually from scratch with freshman material.

Lieb decided it was a good time to try keeping that talent at home and says "I know of very few boys who are going out of the state this year and I believe we have about 40 prospects coming to the university."

The Gator coach, former Notre Dame tackle and one time assistant to Knute Rockne, concedes that some Florida boys may have gone elsewhere in the past because of a desire to play with teams of greater reputation but said "I don't believe that is entirely the cause as there have been a great many violations of the athletic code in regard to financial inducements in the past few years."

Florida has games scheduled with Mississippi, Tennessee, Miami (Fla) and Georgia and also plans to meet Maryland and Alabama if dates can be arranged.

Duke Speed Man



Howard Hartley, the gridiron speedster, is the No. 1 sprinter on the Duke track team. He will be favored to take the 100-yard dash Saturday in a big "Duke-Carolina Day."

SWIMMING MEET TO BE HELD AT Y

Eighteen youths will take part in the swimming contest to be held at the YMCA tonight at 7 o'clock to determine city champions.

The boys, two from each of the nine schools represented in the "Learn to Swim" classes, were chosen from the 124 participants taking part in "Splash Week", just now completed.

Divisions of the meet will include swimming and diving. Parents of the contestants are invited to attend.

During splash week the main course taught and stressed was the learning of the American crawl. The boys also worked on the perfection of the standard breast stroke, side stroke and backstroke. Later instruction will include the life saving course.

The Y will resume the original schedule next week of class hours for members of the organization who will be instructed in advanced swimming and diving. Midgets will meet from 3:30 to 4:30 on Monday and Wednesday; preps, from 3:30 to 4:30 on Tuesday and Thursday; and juniors, from 4:40 to 5:30 on Tuesday and Thursday. Employed boys swim Mondays, Wednesday and Friday nights at 7 o'clock.

The Saturday morning schedule is: 9:30 to 10:15 o'clock, preps; 10:15 to 11 o'clock, midgets; and 11 to 11:45, juniors.

Carolinas' AAA Track, Field Championships Scheduled On June 10

CHAPEL HILL, May 26.—(AP)—The eighth Carolinas' A. A. U. track and field championship will be held at the University of North Carolina on Saturday, June 10, athletic director R. A. Fetzer announced today.

The meet is open to any amateur athlete in high or preparatory school, college, or club, or to any unattached amateur athlete, and to any man in any branch of the armed service. There will be one division of competition for all. The field events will consist of the pole vault, discus, high jump, broad jump, shot put, and javelin.

The track events will include a 120 yd. high hurdles, 100 yd. dash, one mile run, 220 yd. dash, 220 yd. low hurdles, 880 yd. run, two mile run, 440 yd. relay and one mile relay. Entries close on June 7.

SENATORS WIN IN 13 INNINGS

CLEVELAND, May 26.—(AP)—The Washington Senators staged two uprisings, one a 13th inning stand, to defeat the Cleveland Indians 5 to 3 today, chalking up their third consecutive triumph over the last-place Tribe.

George Case banged a two-run single into center in the 13th, after Rick Ferrell and Johnny Sullivan hit safely.

A three-run rally in the seventh put the Senators into the lead, but an Indian tally in the same inning sent the ball game into overtime.

Early Wynn pitched the distance for Washington.

Washington . . . 000 000 300 000—5
 Cleveland . . . 000 200 100 000—3
 Batteries: Washington: Ferrell, Guerra, Wynn; Cleveland: Rosar, Kennedy, Heving and Reynolds.

Tiger Player Ordered Up For Armed Service

DETROIT, May 26.—(AP)—Albert Unser, utility infielder of the Detroit Tigers, was accepted today for general military service. He said he would remain in baseball until ordered to report. Unser, 27 years old and had transferred his pre-induction physical examination from Decatur, Ill.

Charley Metro, reserve outfielder took his examination today but was ordered back tomorrow for a recheck. He is 25 and transferred from Mayfield, Ky.

DODGER ERRORS LET CARDS WIN

BROOKLYN, May 26.—(AP)—In the only game played of a scheduled three game series, the St. Louis Cardinals, taking advantage of three Brooklyn errors, defeated the Dodgers, 5-3, today.

Max Lanier, seeking his seventh win of the year, held Brooklyn scoreless until the sixth. Then with two on and two out, Gilbert English smashed a home run into the left field stands to account for all Brooklyn's runs.

The Cardinals had assumed an early lead, scoring single runs in the first and third. Hal Gregg, gunning for his sixth victory of the campaign, hit Johnny Hopp and Stan Musial in succession with pitched balls in the opening inning, and Walker Cooper scored Hopp with a double. A pair of two-base hits by Musial and Cooper accounted for the other tally.

The Cards tied the score in the seventh, when Howard Schultz erred on Debs Garms' grounder, pinch hitting for Lanier, allowing Marty Marion, who had doubled, to score.

St. Louis . . . 101 000 120—5 8 1
 Brooklyn . . . 000 003 000—3 7 3
 Batteries: St. Louis: W. Cooper, Lanier and Jurisich; Brooklyn: Bragan, Gregg and Webber.

BUCKY WALTERS WINS 7TH, 4-3

NEW YORK, May 26.—(AP)—Bucky Walters won his seventh game of the season for the Cincinnati Reds tonight as he held the Giants to five hits for a 4 to 3 victory in ten innings before 8,366 at the Polo grounds.

A home run by Giant Manager Mel Ott with one on in the ninth forced the game overtime, but in the tenth singles by Steve Mesner, Woody Williams and Max Marshall accounted for the winning tally.

STANDINGS

RESULTS

National League
 St. Louis 5, Brooklyn 3.
 Pittsburgh 7, Boston 5.
 Chicago 9, Philadelphia 1.
 Cincinnati 4, New York 3.

American League
 Washington 5, Cleveland 3.
 Philadelphia 3, Detroit 2.
 New York 4, Chicago 0.

STANDINGS

National League

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
St. Louis	22	9	.710
Pittsburgh	17	11	.607
Cincinnati	18	12	.600
Philadelphia	13	15	.464
Boston	15	20	.429
New York	13	18	.414
Brooklyn	13	18	.419
Chicago	10	18	.357

American League

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
New York	18	10	.643
Washington	18	14	.563
St. Louis	19	15	.558
Philadelphia	17	15	.431
Boston	10	17	.453
Detroit	15	19	.441
Chicago	13	18	.419
Cleveland	14	20	.412

TODAY'S GAMES

National League
 St. Louis at New York—Munger: (4-1) vs Melton (0-1)
 Cincinnati at Brooklyn—De La Cruz (2-2) or Heusser (2-2) vs Davis (3-2).
 Pittsburgh at Philadelphia (night)—Butcher (3-2) vs Schanz (3-2)
 Chicago at Boston—Wyse (3-4) vs Barrett (3-5)

American League
 New York at Chicago—Dubiel (3-1) vs Lopat (1-2)
 Philadelphia at Detroit—Christopher (1-3) vs Newhouse (5-3)
 Washington at Cleveland—Wolf (3-2) vs Kleine (1-2)
 Boston at St. Louis—Woods (1-2) vs Hollingsworth (0-2).

No. 1 Boy



Carolina and Duke stars will clash in all three spring sports in Durham Saturday afternoon. Ray Morris (above) is No. 1 man for the Tar Heel netters, who will open the three-way scrap for State and Conference honors at 2 o'clock.

Armstrong To Fight 'Al Davis At Garden

NEW YORK, May 26.—(AP)—Henry Armstrong, who once held three world boxing titles at the same time, will oppose Al Davis of Brooklyn, for 10 rounds or less in Madison Square Garden June 9. Armstrong replaces Aaron Perry, young Washington, D. C., welterweight whom he knocked out Monday night.

Earlier in the day, the 20th Century Sporting club announced that Willie Pep, ex York featherweight king, and NBA lightweight champion John Zurita had agreed to a 15-round non-title bout in the Garden June 16.

OPTICIANS MAKE IT SIX STRAIGHT

'Sluger' Brown hurled one-hit ball to give the City Optical team a 13 to 1 victory over the Spofford Mills club in a Municipal softball league game played last night at Robert Strange.

Last night's win for the Opticians is their sixth victory in as many starts.

In an afternoon game the Wilmington Firemen defeated the Wrightsville Coast Guard team, 8 to 3.

Beattie Feathers Named N. C. State Head Coach

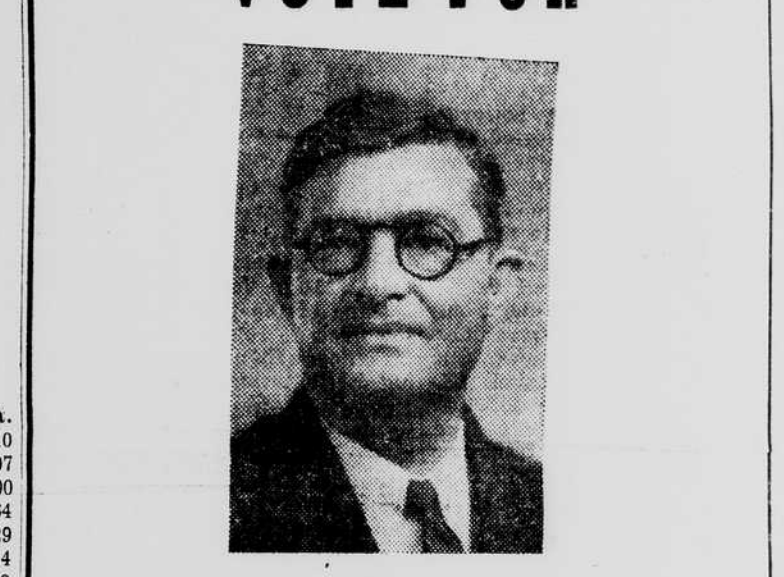
RALEIGH, May 26.—(AP)—H. A. Fisher, chairman of the N. C. State college athletic council, announced tonight that Louis B. (Farmer) Johnson had declined to accept a contract as head coach at the college and that Beattie Feathers, former Tennessee back, had been appointed.

Johnson, now on leave from Wesleyan-Lincoln junior college, Wesleyan, Miss., was offered a contract calling for his services until December 31 to replace Williams (Doc) Newton, who resigned to become head coach at South Carolina. When Johnson declined to accept the offer, Fisher said, the council decided to promote Feathers to the top spot.

SERVICE TO BE HELD

Members of the Laymen's League, St. James Episcopal Church, will conduct services at the county stockade tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. All members are asked to meet at the church at 2:30 o'clock. Transportation will be provided.

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