

Sports Roundup

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The Metropolitan Intercollegiate Basketball Association recently gave \$500 to the National Association of Basketball Coaches and Prexy Ned Irlis of Madison Square matched the donation. The dough was given to the association "for use at its discretion in furthering the development of the game." . . . Nothing was said about buying silencers for noisy referees. . . This hastens to call that move to the attention of college baseball coaches who still seem hesitant about organizing to further the development of their own game. . . Tom Taylor, who was voted the year's best soccer coach by his fellow tutors, is reported about ready to call it quits after a quarter century of coaching Navy teams. . . Marine Pvt. Ray "Whitey" Kurowski, now a regular on Princeton's basketball team, never was more than a high school athlete before he turned up at Penn State after four years in service. Now he's a three-sport man at two colleges.

TODAY'S GUEST STAR
 Les Goates, Salt Lake City Desert News: "Judge Lantis left an estate valued at \$100,000, says news item. With all due reverence you might say he was just a (100) grand guy."

ONE-MINUTE SPORTS PAGE
 Joe Stanowicz, Army's great football guard, never played on a team that lost a game in his senior year. He enjoyed perfect seasons

NAVY GRID STAR IS SET FOR SEA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Another of Navy's one-time football greats, Commander Frank Wickhorst, is going to sea. The Navy Department said today that "Wick," tackle and Captain of one of Annapolis' greatest elevens, 1926, has been assigned to carrier duty in the Pacific shortly after the first of the year. For the past 18 months, Wickhorst has been head of Naval Aviation's world-wide physical training organization. Under him, this program has been put into effect upon every carrier in the fleet with flight and hanger decks sometimes looking like gymnasiums as the fliers keep in shape for combat missions. The Navy estimates that approximately 100,000 fliers have taken the "pre-flight" course, as the training program became known when organized early in 1942. Commander Tom Hamilton, teammate of Wickhorst on the 1926 Navy team, organized the training program and headed it until he went to sea in June, 1943, when "Wick" took charge.

'UNBIASED' LAW GROUP

ASHEBORO, Dec. 23.—(AP)—A. I. Ferree, Republican candidate for the U. S. Senate in the November general election, said today he had written to the two candidates for speaker of the House asking them to appoint an "unbiased" election law committee for the next general assembly.



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Tennesseans Practice At Pasadena, For Rose Bowl



Members of the Tennessee football team pose for this picture during a practice session at Pasadena, Calif., in preparation for their Rose Bowl engagement with Southern California New Year's Day. Coach John Barnhill indicated this is the line-up he would start against the Trojans. Line, left to right: Buddy Pike, Bo Stewart, Bob Dohelstein, Russell Morrow, E. J. Ashbury, Russ Dohelstein, and Charles Wildman, Backfield, left to right: Billy Bevis, Buster Stephens, Mark Major, and Casey Stephenson.

LADY WRESTLERS BOOKED AGAIN

Cauey Changes Bouts To Thursday Night This Week

The lady wrestlers made such a hit last Friday night at Thalian Hall that Promoter Bert Cauey has rematched two of the best of the arena stars in the main event this coming week. An important announcement made last night by the promoter was that starting this week and continuing indefinitely, the wrestling matches will be staged every Thursday night at 8:30 p. m. instead of Fridays, because of a change of schedule that will permit the talent to be better than ever before.

Ann Miller, pretty brunette contender for the title of world's champion lady grappler, who substituted for the missing Nell Stewart on Friday night's program when the latter, because of transportation troubles, was unable to appear, and who defeated Mae Young, husky gal from Sand Springs, Oklahoma in two straight heats, this time will meet Miss Stewart, in the main event, a best two out of three falls contest, sixty minutes time limit. Miss Stewart has wired a cash bond of \$100 to insure her positive appearance against the Miller girl and fans have something to look forward to when they tangle this coming Thursday night in the feature event.

A real grudge match is scheduled for the semi-final this week when "Texas" Jack O'Brien, the hard boiled hombre from the Rio Grande meets Johnny Long of Baltimore in the semi final. Former team mates in tag team matches, O'Brien and Long have a private feud to settle this time and there will be plenty of excitement and fireworks, says Cauey, with winner take all of the purse.

Johnny Turner, the hillbilly with the whiskers from the Ozarks will meet popular Jack De Vault of Knoxville, Tenn., in the opening preliminary match, a one fall contest, forty-five minutes time limit. This card should meet with the approval of the wrestling fans and provide plenty of action.

Y. M. C. A. STANDINGS

| JUNIOR MERCHANT BASKETBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS | | |
|---------------------------------------------|-----|------|
| Team | Won | Lost |
| Green's Dept. Store | 3 | 1 |
| Kingoff's | 1 | 2 |
| Toms Drug | 1 | 2 |
| Shoemakers | 1 | 2 |

Shoemakers, winners of the first half will play the second half champs, Greens Dept. Store, on Tuesday at 10:30 a. m.

| CADET MERCHANT BASKETBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS | | |
|--------------------------------------------|-----|------|
| Team | Won | Lost |
| Sneedens | 3 | 0 |
| Spiritine | 2 | 1 |
| Penny's | 1 | 2 |
| Barrell | 0 | 3 |

The playoff series between Penny's Store, first half flag winners and Sneedens Cycle Co., second half victors will be played Tuesday at 9:30 a. m.

Fishing Club Announces Season Prize Winners

George B. Canady, secretary of the New Hanover Fishing Club, the largest club in this section of the country, last night announced its annual prize winners for 1944. The winners are as follows:

ZONE A
 Channel Bass—1st prize, 35 lbs., T. H. Kipper, Jr.; 2nd prize, 14 1-2 lbs., Harold Abrams.
 Blue fish—1st prize, 3 lbs. 2 oz., R. S. Farrow; 2nd prize, 2 lbs. 13 oz., R. S. Farrow.
 Mullet—1st prize, 2 lbs., J. M. Myers; 2nd prize, 2 lbs., J. M. Bullard.
 Trout—1st prize, 4 lbs., R. W. Bell; 2nd prize, 3 lbs. 2 oz., Mrs. L. M. Foushee.
 Channel bass—1st prize, 31 lbs. 4 oz., Joe Stone; 2nd prize 28 lbs. 9 oz., Fred Futchs.
 Blue fish—1st prize, 2 lbs. 4 oz., M. J. Davis; 2nd prize, 2 lbs. 3 oz., Dan Carry.

Trout—1st prize, 4 lbs. 6 oz., George B. Canady; 2nd prize, no entry.
SALT WATER ZONE A ONLY
 Black drum—1st prize, 2 lbs. 10 oz., Mrs. Ethel G. Shepard.
 Flounder—1st prize, 8 1-2 lbs., B. H. Bridgers.
FRESH WATER DIVISION
 Rock—1st prize, 12 lbs. 10 oz., B. H. Bridgers and S. B. Hoy (tie); 2nd prize, 7 lbs. 12 oz., G. L. Whitehead.
 Black bass—1st prize, 6 lbs. 1 oz., L. A. McLeod; 2nd prize, 6 lbs., L. A. McLeod.
 Goggeye—1st prize, 1 lb 4 oz., W. E. Bunn.
 Gray Head—1st prize, 15 oz., E. A. Jones.

The winners are asked to call by the Wilmington Cycle company to claim their prizes.

Duke Blue Devils Ready For Sugar Bowl Classic

DURHAM, Dec. 23.—(AP)—With most of the hard work behind them the Blue Devil footballers of Duke university will take a holiday from practice tomorrow and Christmas before resuming drills next Tuesday afternoon for their all-important clash with University of Alabama in the Sugar Bowl. Today's practice session under the direction of Coach Eddie Cameron and assistants climaxed another week of preparations for the forthcoming New Year's day encounter in New Orleans, and the Blue Devils now have only three more home workouts calendared before shoving off for New Orleans. The squad will stage final polishing sessions Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, being scheduled to depart Friday in three different groups. To avoid congestion on trains and carrying out the wishes of the Office of Defense Transportation, two Blue Devil parties will leave from Greensboro and one from Raleigh. They will not arrive in New Orleans in time for a workout the next day, so Coach Cameron plans to call a brief limbering and polishing drill for Sunday afternoon in the Sugar Bowl Stadium, scene of the next day's battle between two of Dixie's topnotch football teams. The Blue Devils came out of this week's stiff practice sessions with plenty of bruises but only Gene Wilhoite, substitute tackle, is being counted out of the approaching New Year's tilt. Wilhoite suffered a broken ankle last week. The rest of the team's cripples, all of them reserves, are expected to be ready for action by game-time. "The boys have been coming along nicely," Coach Cameron commented today, "and we have been working hard for this game. We are trying our best to be ready for it. We know Alabama has a tough ball club and I just hope we can be as tough as they are when we play each other." Thirty-eight players and two student managers are on the Duke Sugar Bowl traveling list, according to announcement made at the athletic office today.

Thunderbolts Beat Shipyard, 40 To 25

An All-Star team from the local shipyards gave the Air Base Team a great big scare, before going down in defeat. With the Thunderbolts running up a 7 to 0 lead in the opening minutes of the game the fighting Shipyard five came back to tie the score at 12 all. Just before the half ended the Bolts brought the score to 14 to 12. In the second half the reserve power of the Air Base began to tell on the tiring shipyard quintet and the Bolts ran up a convincing lead to win the game. For the winners it was Lollar the high scoring guard who dropped the ball thru the hoop with the most consistency to lead the scoring parade with 16 points. White, the flashy forward, went next with 9 points of which 7 were foul shots. The Air Base team made good in 12 free throws out of 15 tries. Van Derwyden, the tall center played a bang up game on the bank boards and follow ups. Makow the short but fast forward played a terrific floor game setting up numerous plays. For the losers it was Kelly with 11 points and Kaylor with 9 who were high.

Track, Swimming Meet Begins Tuesday Morning

The Track meet, Swimming meet and Tournament of the Y. M. C. A. will begin Tuesday morning at 6:30. All members of the boys' classes are eligible to participate in the event. There will be awards given for first, second and third place, in each of the three divisions of the tournament. A large attendance is expected and both the boys and the staff are looking forward to a fine week of fellowship and fun. The play-off series between Penny's Store, first half flag winners and Sneedens Cycle Co., second half victors will be played Tuesday at 9:30 a. m.

Dog Racing Hit By Byrnes' Directive

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Nine Florida dog tracks, where a total of \$50,614,142 was bet last year, felt today the blow of a government request that all animal racing cease Jan. 3. Apparently the only establishment in Florida not affected by war mobilization Director James F. Byrnes' action is the Jai Alai Fronton. In the Fronton, where a Basque game similar to softball is played, betting last season totaled \$2,612,764. One dog track already in operation in the Miami area and another which opened tonight planned to continue racing through tonight, and probably until Jan. 3. West Flagler Kennel club, which opened Nov. 1, has been enjoying its most successful season. The Hollywood track was scheduled to open tonight. Already in operation also was the St. Petersburg track. Other tracks, most of them scheduled to get under way Christmas night, are the Jacksonville Kennel club, the Sanford-Orlando Kennel club, the Associated outdoor clubs at Tampa, Miami Beach, Biscayne of Miami and the Palm Beach Kennel club. No statements were immediately forthcoming from the operators.

Racing Officials Quick To Fall In Line With Byrnes' Request

Directive Means Temporary End Of Million Dollar Business

By ORLO ROBERTSON
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Racing was quick to fall in line today with War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes' request that all tracks close by Jan. 3, 1945. Even though the directive means the temporary end of a sport that yielded \$55,771,232.87 in revenue to 17 states and brought in close to \$18,000,000 in charity during 1944, threatens a breeding industry in which millions of dollars are invested and figures to throw several thousand men out of their present employment, there was not a racing official who declined to cooperate to the fullest extent.

Herbert Bayard Swope, chairman of the New York state racing commission, questioned the advisability of making the edict nationwide but said: "Racing everywhere will comply instantly with regulations which Washington authorities regard as being helpful to winning the war. That is our only business." Col. Matt Winn, head of Churchill Downs, Empire City and Lincoln Fields, likewise expressed the general sentiment when he said: "There is only one thing to do. Obey the boss."

As to the future of his own Kentucky Derby, the Colonel declined to make a prediction. "It will not be run until early in 'ay and the situation may change by that time," said Winn. Officials of tracks in Florida, where Gulfstream closed today and Tropical Park opens Monday with Hialeah to follow in January; New Orleans, where a 75-day session opened today and California, where several fall meetings were to be followed by the re-opening of Santa Anita Dec. 30, were surprised by Byrnes' order but immediately made plans to close. Jerry Brady, Director of Racing at Tropical, said it is possible the Coral Gables track would run until Jan. 3 in order to help the stranded horsemen. Some 2,000 horses are quartered in the Miami area. The Los Angeles turf club, which operates Santa Anita, indicated it would operate for three days for the same reason. Between 1,200 and 1,300 thoroughbreds are stabled at the California track. Julius Reeder, Racing secretary at New Orleans' fairgrounds, said plans had been made for a big season but "we've always cooperated with the government and will continue to do so." Several horsemen pointed out that if the suspension of racing lasts any length of time it will deal a hard blow to the breeding farms, since there will be little or no market for horses. Swope said he was surprised at the breadth of the order. "It is evident that it was animated by labor conditions, more than by any other single factor," said the New York racing head. "Yet New York, Florida, Massachusetts and other eastern states are not in an acute labor area. California is. That state is the center of war time production which isn't true of some of the other regions. "I doubt if war labor will be substantially recruited from race tracks, for there the majority of the employees are old men or under-sized boys. The sport, or business, has a clean record in this respect. "It is interesting that racing has been continued in England, France, Belgium and even in Germany until last summer. However, there is only one thought that animates all of us, if racing or anything else interferes with the war, out it must go." Donald P. Ross, acting president of Delaware state park while Col. J. Simpson Dean is with the Army in France, said that "our park, a

RACING COMMENT

BYRNE'S URGES TRACK CLOSING
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Acting with Presidential approval, James F. Byrnes, War Mobilization director, today urged management of all horse racing tracks to close their establishments by Jan. 3, 1945. Byrnes said the existing war situation demanded manpower and transportation now being used for racing meets. He said he was urging the management to refrain from resuming racing "at all tracks until war conditions permit."

HAVANA'S SEASON OPENS
HAVANA, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Havana's Oriental Park reopened today for a seven-month, three-time-a-week horse racing schedule with hopes that the quality of its meet might be improved as a result of the request to close United States tracks within the next 10 days. Racing men were slow to suggest what effect this action might have on Cuban racing, but they eyed enviously the cream of American stake racers stabled at nearby Miami's three winter tracks.

OAKLAWN PARK TO CLOSE
HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 23.—(AP)—The Oaklawn Jockey Club will cancel its 30-day horse racing meet scheduled to start at Oaklawn Park here Feb. 26 if War Mobilization Director Byrnes' request for closing of tracks is still in effect then, Leo P. McLaughlin, club attorney, said today.

'LEAN WINTER'
MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 23.—(AP)—No body starved, but horsemen had a lean winter in Miami in 1943 when the pleasure driving ban caused a shutdown of racing. The news today that the government urged discontinuance of the sport ruined Christmas for several hundreds of owners, trainers, jockeys, grooms and stable attendants. There are about 2,000 horses stabled at the three Miami tracks, while in 1943 the number was between 1,200 and 1,500. The big stables such as Calumet and Greenlee will go ahead with their routine training activities undisturbed by the financial pinch, but tight times are ahead for others. Miami tracks and some of the well-to-do horsemen lent a helping hand to the stranded racing folk. Some of the larger stables shipped to New Orleans, where the fairgrounds track continued to operate. But this winter apparently no track will be racing after Jan. 3.

TROPICAL PARK TO COOPERATE
MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Jerry Brady, director of racing at Tropical Park, said today that if closing race tracks will help the war effort, "then of course we want to cooperate." He said there would be no immediate decision as to whether Tropical will open a scheduled meeting Monday in view of War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes' request that all tracks be closed Jan. 3.

WILL 'ABIDE'
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Julius Reeder, general manager of the fair grounds corporation, said here today that his organization will "abide" by the war mobilization

non-profit organization, can always be depended upon to co-operate with the war effort." He pointed out that the park was closed all during 1943 and re-opened in 1944 at the request of the Delaware governor to produce revenue for the state.

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