

The Sports Trail

By WHITNEY MARTIN
NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—(AP)—We're a little discouraged about our friend Ray Dumont. The big Hooligan is turning sissy on us; actually beginning to think the baseball rules are pretty good as they are.

He isn't even suggesting a minor change this year, such as having the outfielders patrol their gardens in airplanes or giving the batter the choice of going up to hit the ball or just announcing he was conceding himself a two-base hit and taking his place at second, thus eliminating the time the pitcher wastes trying to throw a two-base hit ball.

Ordinarily Dumont comes up with some such idea every year, and uses his national semi-pro baseball congress at Wichita as a guinea pig. Last year he tried out an ambidextrous base-running scheme, with the batter allowed to head in any direction he pleased. The result was astonishing, with the players getting mixed up all this like. They should have had a conductor at each base to punch tickets to see that the runners were going in the right direction.

Anyway, Dumont says that after many experiments he's convinced the public doesn't want any new fangled ideas in the rules. The remark was prompted by a publicized scheme to speed up the game by making it seven innings, with four outs for each team inning.

"We tried out a plan to speed up the game back in 1938," Dumont explains. "This speed-up plan had previously been advocated by a Florida college professor. Batters advanced to first base on

intentional walks without any balls being thrown and players took no warm-up practice between innings. The fans pook-pooed the idea. They asked: 'why speed up the game, anyway?'

"I'm convinced after all these years that the fans want the game dressed up more but they're dead set against streamline changes in the playing rules."

Dumont's first brainstorm about changing the rules was in 1930, when he decided golf had better scoring rules than baseball. He sponsored an exhibition game with the scoring patterned after golf. That is, the team with the most runs per inning was credited with that frame. The teams alternated each inning in batting first and last. The final score, Dumont recalls, was something like two up and one to go.

He'll continue to dress up the game to get it out of the hoop-skirt era, however. Such innovations as the illuminated scoreboard, pneumatic home plate duster and jack-in-the-box microphone to air arguments will be retained, with additions of anything that filters into his mind.

Incidentally, we are expecting to get Dumont's preview of 1945 semi-pro baseball any day now, and for optimism we guarantee it will break all records. The prospect of Major League 4's going into war plants would mean better semi-pro teams for those plants, which mean better crowds, which mean better money, etc. The Byrnes statement didn't just have a silver lining for Dumont. It practically turned any clouds inside out for him.

MENTORS TALK RULES CHANGES

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 11.—(UP)—Members of the American Football Coaches Association met tonight to discuss proposed changes in college football regulations which will be recommended to the National Collegiate Athletic Association rules body which convenes next month.

Most important of the proposed rule changes were those prohibiting the out-of-bounds kickoff and the permitting of forward passes anywhere behind the line of scrimmage.

Other proposed modifications include use of an artificial tee on the kickoff, restrictions on the use of the forearm in blocking, designation of fumbles as free balls, division of quarters into a stated number of plays, return of the goal posts to the goal line and removal of sideline markers 20 yards in from the out of bounds line.

Three rule changes were proposed which would lessen the severity of penalties. They include changes which would lighten penalties for illegal forward passes beyond the line of scrimmage, illegal forward passes, and penalties inflicted inside the 10-yard line.

Two other national athletic groups—the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the College Physical Education Association—also are meeting here in conjunction with the football coaches. They will open their official seasons tomorrow.

National League Ump Returns To Chicago After Pacific Tour

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—(AP)—John (Beans) Reardon, national league umpire, arrived in Chicago today after a six-week entertainment tour of the southwest Pacific where he talked baseball with American soldiers.

"The morale of our soldiers in the southwest Pacific," Reardon said, "is of the best, but they want equipment to get this job done in a hurry."

Reardon said he would give a series of war plant talks in the Chicago area in an effort to speed production.

Second Baseball Troupe Returns From Overseas

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—(UP)—The second of five major league baseball troupes returned to the United States today, following a six-week front line tour of the European battle fronts in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

Managers Mel Ott of the New York Giants and Frank Frisch of the Pittsburgh Pirates headed the group, which left this country Nov. 27. William (Bucky) Walters of the Cincinnati Reds and Emil (Dutch) Leonard of the Washington Senators, who hurried the Detroit Tigers out of the American league pennant last fall, were the other players in the troupe which came back on an Army transport command plane.

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City College Fails New York Bookmakers At Basketball Game

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Nat Holman, coach of the City College of New York basketball team, said today he did not allow one of his players to attempt a last minute free throw last night because he wanted to foil the bookmakers attending the Madison Square Garden doubleheader.

In the language of the bookmakers, City College was a 6 to 8 favorite to defeat Syracuse university. If a person bet on City College he gave eight points, if he wagered on Syracuse he received six points on an even money basis.

Bill Levine of CCNY, was fouled with only seconds to go and with City College leading, 48 to 42. If Levine checked up the added point the CCNY advantage would have been seven—and the bookmakers would have won all bets.

Instead, Holman ordered Levine to waive the free throw and his team took possession at mid-court, stalling until the gun amid the cheers and boos of the crowd.

Statement From Byrnes Promised Southeastern Conference Secretary

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 11.—(AP)—W. D. Funkhouser, secretary of the Southeastern Conference, has been promised a statement covering the attitude of War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes toward the conference basketball tournament and similar sports gatherings, he said today.

In reply to a telegram sent to Byrnes asking if the tournament would come under the request for a cessation of group meetings, Funkhouser received a reply which in his opinion, left the matter wide open.

Funkhouser said he interpreted the wire as a disinclination to give a ruling because nothing specific had been decided.

He said that up to 12 teams from points as far away as Florida, Louisiana and other Southern states, each bringing up to 50 men, would be looking for travel accommodations.

The tournament is scheduled to be held at Louisville March 1-3.

Amateur Boxer, 20, Dies After Knockout In Fight

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 11.—(AP)—William Krutzig, 20-year-old amateur boxer who was knocked out in a bout here last night, died in St. Mary's hospital today without regaining consciousness.

Krutzig was knocked out in the first round of a bout with Bob Lee at the Ascension Club. His head struck the padded canvas as he fell. A post mortem has been ordered to determine the cause of death.

Krutzig had been examined by a State Boxing Commission doctor before the bout and pronounced fit.

Chicago Jockey Rides Wisesoy To Victory

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Jack Fliter of Chicago rode G. Z. Carpanaza's Wisesoy to win the featured Premio Morelia today before 13,502 fans at the Hipodromo De Las Americas.

Fliter rode a winner in the fourth race, and had a second and a third. Fernando Fernandez of Cuba, leading jockey this season, won the first, third and eighth races, and finished second in the fourth and sixth races.

DEWEY APPOINTS CINDERELLA MAN TO BOXING BODY

Governor Says Eagan Will Be Re-elected Committee Chairman

By JACK CUDDY
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—(UP)—Gov. Thomas Dewey today appointed Eddie Eagan—"Cinderella" man of amateur boxing—to membership on the New York State Athletic Commission, with the understanding that he will be elected chairman of that important pugilistic body next week.

The governor recognized the moral value of wartime sports by making a personal announcement of Eagan's appointment at a conference of sports writers in the Hotel Roosevelt. Dewey later stressed this moral value while chatting with reporters.

Eagan, the former olympic and A. E. F. boxing champion who became a New York attorney and husband of millionairess Margaret Colgate, will succeed John J. Phelan, who was chairman for 13 years and whose last term expired December 31.

Eagan, who was born in Denver, Colorado, 46 years ago—one of five sons in a poor family—no doubt is not interested now in the \$7,500 annual salary which the chairman receives. The recently retired Lieutenant Colonel of the Army Air Force probably plans to use the post as a political springboard, as did Jim Farley who was chairman before Phelan.

The commission comprises a chairman and two other members, but owing to the resignation of D. Walker Wear and the expiration of Phelan's term, only one member remained on the board before today's appointment—Dr. C. B. Powell, New York Negro publisher and real estate man. Dewey said Phelan would be asked to remain a commission member until a third man can be appointed.

The commission, which controls professional boxing and wrestling, does not supervise the amateur divisions of those sports which are handled by the Amateur Athletic Union. Eagan said he thought the AAU was doing a good job with the Simon-pure maulers and mat men. He will investigate possibilities of co-operating closely with the National Boxing Association, hoping to eliminate dual championships in certain divisions.

Eagan, a six-footer with graying brown hair, is the most famous performer in amateur ring history. Most of his leather-tossing was done during his college days at Denver university, Yale, Harvard, and Oxford, England, and while in the Army during the first world war. His achievements included the western middleweight amateur championship at Denver, the A. E. F. middleweight championship at Paris; the national amateur heavyweight championship at Boston in 1920; the olympic light heavyweight at Antwerp, Belgium in '20; and the British amateur heavyweight crown later.

DAIRY COOK BOOK OF 340 RECIPES PREPARED BY STATE

RALEIGH, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Agriculture Commissioner W. Kerr Scott today announced that "favorite" recipes of North Carolina, a 128-page book containing 340 recipes, will be ready for distribution to the dairies of the State the latter part of next week.

Sponsored by the State Department of Agriculture and the North Carolina Dairy Products Association, the book is dedicated to the dairy industry in the State and the women of the State, Scott said.

The book has been one year in publication and is the most ambitious publications projects ever carried out by the department, Scott added. He said he felt the publication of the book will lead to a greater consumption of milk and milk products.

Scott said 20,000 copies have been published at the first printing.

Lexington Man Elected Head Of Dairy Group

RALEIGH, Jan. 11.—(AP)—George S. Coble of Lexington, has been elected president of the North Carolina Dairy Foundation, Inc., an organization to promote dairy training and research at State College, it was announced today.

The foundation recently was chartered and plans a fund raising campaign to enable it to aid State College in securing a larger group of highly skilled teaching and research experts. Annual receipts from dairy products in North Carolina amount to about 46,000,000, and leaders of the industry hope to increase the annual income to \$150,000,000 through the encouragement of small farmers to develop small herds of dairy cattle.

PROFESSOR NAMED

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 11.—(UP)—Hugh E. McKinstry, an assistant in the Office of Economic Warfare in Washington since 1941, was appointed today as professor of geology at Harvard University effective July 1. Prior to entering Government service, he was on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

Bainbridge Grid Star, Of State High School Fame, Ex-Commodore

BAINBRIDGE, Md., Jan. 11.—(AP)—"Choo-Choo" Charlie Justice, the Asheville, N. C., back who jumped from a high school team to a berth on the second national service All-America eleven in two years, became an ex-Bainbridge commodore today.

Justice, whose 13 touchdowns this fall paced the crack Bainbridge eleven to its second undefeated season and to 17 victories in two years without a defeat, was detached today. No word was forthcoming as to his destination.

An 18-year-old school boy, Justice stole the limelight in 1943 from such stars as Bill De Correvont, Don Durdan and Bill Dutton, scoring a total of 46 points and winning a place on the mid-Atlantic all-service eleven.

In 1944, Justice was used as a spot runner and ran wild through Bainbridge opponents for a total of 84 points.

SAN JUAN HAS HOT BOWL GAME

SAN JUAN, P. R., Jan. 11.—(UP)—American soldiers stationed in Dutch Guiana had their bowl game New Year's Day, too—the Chigger Bowl classic.

Minus roses, oranges and sugar, the game was played against a tropical backdrop of palm trees, hot, chigger-infested sand and a torrid Guianese sun, according to reports which reached antilles department headquarters here today.

The game had its innovations, too. There were eight men to the team and the playing field was limited—by the dense tropical undergrowth—to 80 yards.

"The stateside \$4.40 seats were hand-hewn logs with a canopy of banana leaves to keep the temperature below 100 degrees," the public relations office reported. "There was no band to parade between the halves but the chattering of macaws and parrots was much more appropriate."

The Airway "Rams," captained by Sgt. Robert E. Ritchie of Dorchester, Mass., were pitted against the Air Base "Bonetrushers," led by Sgt. Jerry Darrow, Marquette university alumnus.

The only score of the game came in the second quarter when Corp. Homer J. Creason, Jr., of Glendale, Cal., intercepted a "Rams' pass on his own 10-yard line and galloped 70 yards for a touchdown.

'HITCH-HIKING' PUP FINDS HOME

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 11.—(AP)—An Army cargo plane which landed at the Newark airport at 4:34 p.m. today brought a "lively little pup, brown and white and somewhat dirty" to the end of a 13,512-mile air odyssey which began in New Guinea.

The pup was the gift of an unknown donor in Papua to 2-year-old Marilyn Diana Schwarz of Jersey City, daughter of Mrs. Rose Schwartz, whose husband is a soldier stationed in Texas.

Army Public Relations officers took the pup from Pilot Halbert L. Wilcox of Rapid City, S. D., who shepherded it to Newark from Memphis, Tenn., and prepared to send the veteran of 75 flying hours to his Jersey City home.

Flight Officer Wilcox, who took the pup to bed with him in the Hotel King Cotton, Greensboro, last night, said he had fed the dog on bread and milk on the trip. The pup was not housebroken, he added.

Wilcox said he intended to go along when his charge was finally delivered to its new mistress today.

BEAN CROP DAMAGE

LAKELAND, Fla., Jan. 11.—(AP)—Peter Lips, of the American Fruit Co., of Miami, estimated that damage to bean crops in the Lake Okechobee region from today's cold "probably would total 95 per cent of all planted."

TODAY THEATRES

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Margaret Lindsay
Also: "The Tiger Woman"

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COACHES PLAN FIVE CHANGES IN GRID CODE

Proposals To Prohibit Out Of Bounds Kickoff Head List

By HAROLD HARRISON
COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 11.—(AP)—The rules committee of the National Collegiate Football Coaches Association voted today to recommend five major changes in the collegiate gridiron code.

Of prime importance were proposals to prohibit the out of bounds kickoff and to permit forward passing anywhere behind the line of scrimmage.

The coaches' suggestions will be presented by the rules committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association when it meets several weeks hence.

Eastern colleges operated during the past season under the proposed forward passing and kickoff rules. The Western Conference had an agreement among its coaches not to kick out of bounds.

Under the proposed rule a kickoff going out of bounds would be kicked off again with the kicking team being penalized five yards.

Under present rules forward passes may not be thrown closer than five yards behind the line of scrimmage.

The other changes which the coaches voted at an all-day session to recommend were:

1. To make a use of a one-inch tee, to be provided by the officials, mandatory for kickoffs.

2. That where the forearm is used in blocking, the hand must be held against the body, and striking in the face with the elbow should be prohibited.

3. To lessen the severity of the penalty for an attempted lateral pass which is thrown forward. Under the suggested rule there would be a five-yard penalty and a down from the point where the attempted lateral was thrown.

YANKS TRAINING CHINESE FORCES

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Straws in the wind today indicated a baseball man would be chosen to succeed the late Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis, possibly at the February joint meeting of the major leagues in New York.

An Associated Press poll of club owners and general managers, who must make the decision, revealed a decided trend toward a man versed in the rules and problems of the game rather than a nationally-known figure not identified with the sport.

With the exception of President Ed Barrow of the New York Yankees, who said he would support any one of four men, none of the moguls offered candidates.

Barrow said he would vote for President Ford Frick of the national league, president Will Harridge of the American league, General Manager Warren Giles of Cincinnati or Louis McAvoy, director of broadcasting in the American loop. He insisted on a man from within the game.

Frick, who has gained surprising unsolicited support from the rival circuit, leads the list of possibilities.

Although the original impression was that neither league would vote for a man from the other, that barrier appears to be crumbling if not already eliminated.

Harridge has said he definitely is not interested and Giles, when queried about his preference, replied in part: "I do not think a man's identification with baseball

Rocky Mount Resident Heads Farm Committee

RALEIGH, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Rep. Thomas J. Pearsall of Rocky Mount has been named president of the Agricultural Foundation, Inc., a recently chartered corporation to supplement State funds in securing better teaching and research personnel for the State College school of agriculture, it was announced today.

Other officers are C. W. Tilson of Durham, first vice president; Claude T. Hall of Roxboro, second vice president; and J. G. Vann of Raleigh, secretary-treasurer.

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Wildcats, Metalists Scrap for Ball



Fighting for the ball during a tense moment in the N.H.S. Sheet Metal tilt, are (left to right), Wildcat co-captain, Jim Croom; Sam Paxton (in background); Neil Crockerman; Bill Tysinger (No. 5); Toddy Fennell (in background); and Billy Mason, 'Cat co-captain.—Star-News Staff Photo.

Cockerham, N. C. State Star, Leads Metalists With 10

By WEDDELL HARRISS
In a fast-moving hardwood gym counter in the high school gym last night, the New Hanover Cockerham bowed to the Sheet Metal Workers quintet, 35-28.

The locals got off to a fast start with a first quarter lead of 12-8, and held an 18-14 halftime advantage.

However, a rejuvenated Sheet Metal five took to the floor following intermission, and headed by Neil Crockerman, former N. C. State star, and Johnny Wilbourne, held the Cats to a scant two points during the third period while scoring up 12 tallies for a 27-20 lead which was increased to a 35-28 count favoring the visitors when the final whistle blew.

Crockerman took high scoring honors for the metalists with 10 points, while Wilbourne and Paxton chalked up 9 each for the yarders.

Line-up:

WILMINGTON	G	F	FF	TP
Collie, f	1	0	2	2
Mason, B, f	3	1	3	7
Mason, C, c	4	0	2	2
Fennell, g	1	0	2	2
Croom, g	3	1	1	7
Tuttle, f	0	0	0	0
Brindell, c	0	0	1	0
Marcus, g	1	0	1	2
Total	13	2	12	28

SHEET METAL

WILMINGTON	G	F	FF	TP
Vickery, f	3	0	1	6
Paxton, f	3	3	2	8
Tysinger, c	0	1	1	1
Wilbourne, g	4	1	1	8
Cockerman, g	3	4	4	10
Scott, f	0	0	2	0
Total	13	9	12	28

Election Of Baseball Czar Anticipated Soon

Comments by other executives included: Sam Breadon, President of the St. Louis Cardinals, "Everything being equal, I prefer a man with baseball experience."

Bob Quinn, president of the Boston Braves — "A commissioner of baseball, whether selected from outside or inside of baseball, should have at least a general understanding of what the game is all about because the broad general powers of the commissioner are such that no man can function properly otherwise."

Clark Griffith, president of the Washington Senators—"I prefer a man with vast baseball experience."

Philip K. Wrigley, president of the Chicago Cubs—"I do not believe selection should be influenced by previous occupation if he is the right man personally."

A 10-man committee appointed to draw up a new major league agreement, which outlines the powers, term and salary of the office of commissioner, held a sketchy three hour session in Chicago last week and will finish a rough draft in New York Feb. 2.

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