

# Cuff Notes

By JACK STILLMAN

One of the busiest men around Wilmington lately is Adam Smith, YMCA physical director, who is preparing for the annual 'Y' International Basketball tournament which gets underway tonight.

All of the 18 teams entering the tournament have been weighed in, and some of the boys had to make a few trips around the YMCA indoor track to work off in the correct weight division.

This is the first tournament of this kind held in New Hanover county, and it is to become an annual affair. There have been others, but none have been included into weights, giving all teams an opportunity to enter.

Under the guidance of "Smith," the YMCA hopes to stimulate basketball in this section, providing better talent for the high school team and other teams representing business and clubs in this area.

Smith said the other day that he was somewhat surprised at the weather conditions in North Carolina, and remembered that when he was a physical director in Pennsylvania, he usually issued warnings to swimmers about May weather. This year he found it necessary to issue his annual instructions, which he thinks merit consideration and study, because of the warm weather which has hit the coast lately.

Here are the 10 rules which he thinks should be followed by everyone taking to the water:

1. Wait one and one-half hours before entering the water after eating a picnic lunch or regular meal.
2. If a person is over-heated or has exerted himself to the point of perspiring, he should wait until he cools off. It is better to wait about one-half an hour before going into the water.
3. Swim in places where there is no swift running water, where there are no submerged logs or drop-offs, and always swim with others. There is safety in numbers.
4. Remember your first time out swimming to be careful about getting too tired. You will gradually need to develop your endurance to be able to swim as far as you did at the end of last season.
5. Swim in shallow water, where you can put your feet on bottom easily. Swimmers can enjoy themselves in three or four feet as easily as in deep water. Good swimmers do not take chances.
6. If an experienced swimmer does get into trouble, he should remember to keep both hands below water. People will hear him call. By all means do not hold one or both hands above water.
7. If in a canoe or boat and it should upset, hold on to the boat. It is your best means of support.
8. Should you be caught in a current or undertow, the thing to do is to keep your feet off the bottom. Either float or tread water, and gradually the wind and water will float you into shore.
9. Keep cool when in trouble, and use your common sense. Should you get water in your mouth, swallow it to keep from choking.
10. Test the bottom well before swimming, and never dive in water over eight feet deep. Never jump in water over your head without holding your nose, as water may get in the sinus canals and you may develop sinus trouble.

Over-exposure to sun is a companion danger to water. To prevent sunburn, cover your body after the skin has been exposed to the sun for 20 minutes. By gradual exposure (seven 20-minute periods) one will become tan. Then you may go out into the sun without burning.

To prevent sunstroke (and this is referred particularly to fishermen) wear a straw hat or one with a brim which extends over the shoulders and the back of the neck.

We think these warnings are timely. Now is the time to avoid water accidents—before they occur.

## Cage Turnstiles Click Off 570,525 Spectators

NEW YORK, March 18. — (AP) — A total of 570,525 spectators turned out this season for college basketball doubleheaders in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston and Buffalo, an Associated Press survey showed today, demonstrating that the Brooklyn College gambling scandal in January did not stop the turnstiles from clicking.

Topping the list was the 299,734 attendance for 18 twin bills at Madison Square Garden, an increase of 49,210 over 1944. The Chicago stadium reported 112,542 for nine doubleheaders, up 42,500. Philadelphia's Convention Hall, scene of the season's biggest upset when Penn beat Army, had a turnout of 87,505 for 13 bargain nights, up 3,000.

At Buffalo eight doubleheaders drew 41,123 while at Boston seven twin affairs attracted 29,621. In addition one doubleheader at Milwaukee drew 6,200 while the twin bills at Kansas City brought in 4,000.

These figures do not include the 12,142 jammed into the Garden last night for the opening of the National Invitation tournament or the 4,300 that saw the doubleheader finish of the National Interscholastic tourney at Kansas City.

Unseeded Rhode Island State, playing without a substitution, upset the fourth-ranked Tennessee quintet, 51 to 44, in the feature of the Garden twin bill. With Ernie Plessinger winner last year, in the 44 along with Frank Papias and Al Tretchel, who won 17 and 13 respectively for Little Rock, Ark., last year. John Johnson, acquired from the New York Yankees; Lee (Buck) Ross, who won two and had seven with the Sox in 1944; Bob Misteale, an eight-game winner for Scranton; and 40-year-old Clay Touchstone, a 20-year veteran of minor league play.

The decision of Hal Trosky, former Cleveland Indian star, to remain in an Iowa factory, has left the Sox without a first sacker and caused Dykes his biggest worry. Joe Ortega, obtained from the Detroit Tigers, probably will be given first shot at the position because of his infield versatility with the Bengals.

"We'll have to experiment at first base and it's anybody's guess who will wind up there when the season begins," Dyke said. "It

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## YMCA HARDWOOD TOURNAMENT GETS UNDERWAY TODAY

### Long Creek Cagemen Engage Dry Ponders In Opening Contest

Opening the YMCA Invitational Basketball tournament at 7 o'clock this evening on the 'Y' court, the Long Creek basketeers will engage a fast Dry Pond aggregation in the 135 pound division, followed by two additional contests.

In the second fray, which starts at 8 p. m., the 'Y' stars, formerly the White Phantoms of St. Paul's Episcopal church, engage the Atkinson's first entry in the 150 pound class. Atkinson has entered two teams in the tournament.

The third game tonight, starting at 9 p. m., finds the Crash Boat aggregation against the White Phantoms, most of whom are the varsity basketeers of New Hanover High school.

Adam Smith, physical director of the YMCA, and at whose instigation the tournament was formed, says that he has hopes of building greater hardwood teams in southeastern North Carolina. This is the first tournament of this kind to be held in this section. Others have been held, but they have not been divided into weight divisions, giving all teams an opportunity to compete.

"We hope that these tournaments will stimulate the sport in this section," Smith said, "and in the future there will be better high school and all-round teams."

Wednesday night the Jayvees of N.H.S. are slated to meet the 'Y' Eagles in the 135 pound class; the 'Y' Senators will meet Atkinson's No. 2 team in the 150 pound class; and the 'Y' Unknowns will play the 'H' dormitory five in the unlimited class.

Friday night the 'Y' Leaders will meet the Leland basketeers in the 90 pound class, the 'Y' Comets engage the 'Y' Hawks in the 105 pound class, and the play-offs will be played in the 150 pound division.

Saturday night the finals will be played in the 135 pound class at 7 p. m. Following this game, the Four-Foot Wonders will meet the Tileston Red Terriers, and at 9 p. m. the finals in the unlimited division will be played.

Referees tonight will be Charles Stephenson, Bill Croom and Sam Johnson.

## William Ryan Captures Senior Golf Tournament

SEBRING, Fla., March 18. — (AP) — William A. Ryan, 62, Detroit, scored a 1 up, 19-hole victory over Fred L. Riggon, 59, Port Huron, Mich., brass manufacturer, today to win the title in the eleventh annual tourney for amateur senior golfers at the Kenilworth course.

Two shots one in a trap and the other under an orange tree, proved Riggon's downfall on the extra hole. Ryan, former Ford Motor Co. executive, was superior with the putter. Previously he had won the senior annual putting tourney.

Nearly 90 seniors, all over 50, were in the annual event which lasted a week.

**SPARTANS STAY NORTH**  
EAST LANSING, March 18. — For the third time since 1926, Michigan State College will forego its southern baseball trip.

**TALL PITCHER REPORTS**  
WILMINGTON, Del., March 18. — (AP) — The Philadelphia Phillies to day greeted James B. Spencer, 6 foot 9 inch rookie moundsman from Rhode Island—tallest hurler in the Phils' history.

## JUST STARTING - By Jack Sords



## Tie This One!



Susie Harvey, just three, has been tying files for six months, is particularly proud of her half-hitch. Her tutor is George Harvey, Penn State's wartime track coach.

## HAEGG TO ENTER FOURTH CONTEST

By JIMMY JORDAN  
CHICAGO, March 18. — (AP) — Gunder (The Wonder) Haegg, professionally a Swedish necktie salesman and athletically one of the greatest runners ever to don spikes on the outdoor cinder paths, doesn't like his consistent lack of success on America's indoor boards and he intends to do something about it.

He will attempt to end his current string of defeats next Friday in the Knights of Columbus track meet at Cleveland.

Haegg has lost three times in as many weeks to Jim Rafferty, of New York in the only races Haegg has run indoors.

But, his traveling companion—Sports Writer-Hurdler Haakon Lidman of Stockholm—says, Haegg hasn't been in top condition in any of the indoor meets and that combined with his unfamiliarity with the boards, has probably been the reason for his failures.

Haegg himself, offers no alibis for his three straight losses, but his finish in the Bankers' Mile of the Chicago relays last night was indicative of his condition. The "Smorgasbord Special" took the lead on the fourth lap and stayed in front until the final round of the 11-lap race. Then Rafferty sped to the front, while Haegg could not summon the speed to stave him off, and "Iron Mike" came through with his seventh mile victory in as many starts for the indoor season.

In reviewing the race today Lidman said:

"Haegg didn't have a chance to keep in condition while we were coming here from England. (The Atlantic crossing took 23 days.) If he had had a few more days to train for last night's race, he should have beaten Rafferty."

Haegg's time was 4:13.7. Haegg was time in 4:14.5—four and a half seconds better than his fifth place time a week previous and 16 and a half seconds better than his 4:31 in his first indoor race in New York, which he ran just 50 hours after getting off the ship.

Lidman himself withdrew from the hurdle races in last night's relays because of a knee injury suffered in New York a week before. Ed Dugger of Dayton won all three hurdles events, at 40, 50 and 60 yards, in times of 5.2, 6.3 and 7.5 seconds respectively.

The veteran Barney Ewell, now in the Army and running unattached, swept the 40, 50 and 55-yard sprints in 4.5, 5.2 and 5.8 seconds, respectively.

John Schmidt of Ohio State and Bob Phelps of Illinois, who a week before tied for the Big Ten pole vault title at 13 feet, 9 inches, tied again in the relays at 13 feet, 6 inches. Elmore Harris of the Shore A. C. at Long Branch, N. J., took the 600-yard run in 1:14 and Forrest Efav, unattached, lapped the field twice to coast into a two-mile victory in 9:08.7. The 1,000 yard title went to Les Eisenhart of Great Lakes in 2:12.4. Illinois turned in the fastest time in the series of College and University mile relays, with the team of Buster, Johnson, Gonzalez and Kelley timed in 3:32.2.

## The Sports Trail Martin Gives His Idea On Baseball This Year

By WHITNEY MARTIN  
NEW YORK, March 18. — (AP) — It's just an idea:  
That the ban on traveling for exhibition games is a particularly hard blow this year, as from the size of the squads some of the Major League teams are going to have trouble lining up enough players for Yannigan vs. regular games.

That the advocates of basketball rule changes should concentrate on the eligibility rule.

That, judging by the way players are being inducted into the service, the guy who said a team would wind up in the first division but didn't know whether it was the Army or the National League wasn't fooling.

That Joe Louis has crowned his ring opponents so successfully it's no wonder he was chosen to crown the queen of a fashion show.

That, if you wanted to be skeptical, you could take the president's remark that he would go to see sandlot games himself, and so would a lot of other people, to mean that was the kind of baseball he expected this year.

That "Travel, Travel Little Star" wasn't written for the ball players this year.

That a lot of ball players who thought they were sure of a berth in the Majors will find they can't even get an upper.

That, if the traveling situation remains tight, Army, with probably one of the finest football teams the country ever saw, will have to play its own reserves to get any kind of competition.

That the Cincinnati Reds, with all those post-graduate pitchers, will be the team to watch in the National League this year.

That Leo Durocher may end up at second base for the Dodgers this year (this end up, with care).

That the two local boys who played college basketball without being enrolled were a little mixed up. They attended basketball to play school.

That at the rate the Philadelphia Phils are taking in farm clubs,

## SAM SNEAD HOLDS TWO POINT LEAD IN GOLF TOURNAY

### Golds Dust Twins Are Two Points Behind Tourney Pace-Setter

By FRITZ LITTLEJOHN  
CHARLOTTE, March 18. — (AP) — Golf's Gold Dust Twins—Byron Nelson and Jug McSpaden—closed in on pace-setting Sam Snead today but the ex-sailor from Virginia held to a two-stroke margin at the end of the third round of the \$10,000 Charlotte open tournament.

Snead, seeking his fourth open tournament title in a row, batted out a 69 for a total of 202, 14 shots under par, at the three-quarter mark of the 72-hole meet.

McSpaden gained one stroke by firing a 68 for a 204 total and Nelson pulled even with the Jug by posting a sharp 66, the best round of the day, thus assuring a three-way race in tomorrow's final round.

Snead, still complaining of weariness in his lame back, stroked in four straight birdies from No. 14 through 17, the stretch over which he had trouble yesterday, to trim three strokes from par. He had 36-33 against par 36-36.

He again bogeyed, hill 455, the cursed No. 8, for the third straight day, being trapped again, and once more hit a tee shot into the woods, but he breezed along the easy home nine to stay in front of the flying Nelson and the scrambling McSpaden.

McSpaden picked up his stroke with a scorching 32 on the homecoming route. He needed 36 on the out nine even with an eagle three on the second hole where he holed out a 40-yard chip.

Nelson, probably the greatest finisher in the game, had the steadiest round—if you can call a giddy 68 steady.

Lord Byron sounded a warning to Snead by playing 18 holes without a single bogey or a single mistake, six birdies and 12 pars, six threes and 12 fours. He was putting for eagles on three holes and for birdies on 13, six of which he made.

He even continued to get par on the par 3 ninth, where he lost last year's tournament by dropping six strokes to regulation figures. Today the iron master hit a perfect two iron to the 215-yard blind green: a get down in two putts.

A three-way race was assured for top money—two \$1,000 war bonds—but the rest of the field was far behind.

The nearest man to the three leaders was Sam Byrd of Detroit, seven shots back of Snead with a 209 with a 70 today.

Gene Kunes of Hollywood, Fla., also had a 70 for 210 and fifth place.

## LEVIN TO MEET O'BRIEN HERE

Dave Levin, Brooklyn born Jewish wrestling champion, will meet "Texas Jack" O'Brien in the main event Friday night at Thalian Hall. Promoter Bert Causey announced last night, with Abe Yourist of Toledo, clashing with Jack Carter of Boston, Mass., on the same card.

Levin, undisputed champion, is proud of his achievement in conquering Ali Baba, who twice threw Dick Shikat. Shikat is the first man to defeat Donno O'Mahoney. There have been many upsets in the grappling sport, but Levin feels sure that he will be "tops" for many months to come.

Levin attributes his success to lucky tokens, a copper cent, which his mother had sewed in his trunks in his first amateur match. It was after victory in his initial bout that she told him what she had done—and ever since, including the night he defeated Ali Baba, he has worn the same trunks with the hidden penny.

Now that he has been crowned "king" of the matmen, he feels the good-luck charm has served its purpose and he intends to have it made into a ring, which he will always wear.

# Pitcher With One Leg Taken From Senators By Manager Of Yankees

## Golf Minors May Ask For Additional Cash

DURHAM, March 18. — (AP) — A group of goldom's lesser lights are petitioning the Professional Golfers Association for more "equa" distribution of purses in future golf tournaments, Jack Horner, Morning Herald sports editor will say in his column in tomorrow's editions.

Horner, now in Charlotte for the Charlotte open, says he learned in Charlotte today that the petitioning pros have given PGA President Ed Dudley and other officials "until Tuesday to decide upon their request. In short they're tired of eating the dust of the Sneads and

Nelsons without receiving more than chicken feed."

He listed as an example that instead of the top place winner receiving \$1,000 in a \$5,000 tournament, "the lesser lights have requested that the first place finisher receive \$750, second place \$500, instead of \$750 and so on. In this way the last man sharing in the prize money would receive \$200 instead of the usual \$24."

Horner quoted the little fellows as saying they weren't making expense money despite the fact they are part of the show.

## Shepard Snatched From Nats' Camp; Works With N. Y. Team

By DOUGLASS WALLOP  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
WASHINGTON, March 18. — (AP) — Somebody from New York—and Larry MacPhail's name was mentioned—today put the "snatch" on Lt. Bert Shepard, one-legged pitcher whom Owner Clark Griffith of the Washington Senators was grooming as his top 1945 drawing card.

Shepard vanished a few hours before he was to have pitched in an intra-squad game at the Senators' training camp at College Park, Md. He reportedly left by Army plane for New York or for the New York Yankees training camp at Atlantic City, N. J.

MacPhail, new co-owner and general manager of the Yankees, is a Lieutenant Colonel on inactive duty.

Griffith said he was told that MacPhail had a hand in the "kidnapping."

"I wouldn't want to say for sure," he added, "but if he was at the bottom of it, it wasn't very nice. It's against the ethics of baseball to snatch a player from another team's training camp."

Griffith, the "Old Fox" of baseball, may have been outfoxed. Shepard has been training with the Senators for more than a week but had not been offered a contract or placed under option. He thus is a free agent.

Until about a year ago Shepard was a fighter pilot in Europe. His plane was shot down in combat and his right leg had to be amputated below the knee. He is convalescing at Walter Reed hospital and navigates so well on his artificial leg that the Army gave him permission to work out with the Senators.

He has shown major league form despite his handicap. His fielding has been flawless and he claims he can run 100 yards in 14 seconds. The fans have gone overboard for him and veteran baseball writers said he was a cinch to land a contract with Griffith.

Griffith, who has a weakness for colorful ball players, said that he has been waiting to offer him a contract until his minor league status is cleared up. He said he was advised by minor league officials just yesterday that it was all right to sign him.

He said the agreement was that he would train Shepard and let him round into form before they talked contract.

"It wasn't very nice after I've given him a chance to get back on his feet," he added.

It was said that Griffith tried to coax Shepard to wait until tomorrow because a large crowd was expected to be at the training camp to see him pitch. But, it was said, MacPhail or one of his representatives, had a more potent persuader in the form of cash.

If MacPhail is at the bottom of the snatch, he lost no time in making the American League feel his presence. He has been in the junior circuit only since March 1.

He may be in for a stiff fight with Griffith and other American League owners, even though Shepard is a free agent. It's the principle of the thing. Can one owner snatch a player from under the unsuspecting nose of another? The answer is yes, but, as the "Old Fox" put it, it isn't ethical.

Shepard says he once played with the California-Arizona and Wisconsin State Leagues. A check of his status shows that he became a free agent when he was released for Army service.

Shepard's apparent direction to the Yankees became known this morning when a friend stopped by to take him to College Park. He said he wasn't going there but was going to Atlantic City to join the MacPhail club.

## Chicago Czar Predicts Toss-Up In League Race

### CHECKER EXPERT TO PLAY AT USO

By JERRY LISKA  
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 17. — (AP) — Manager James Joseph Dykes of the Chicago White Sox predicts the American League race will be a toss-up this season and that if he can find a first baseman, the newly Pale Hose will cause plenty of trouble.

Cigar-smoking Dykes, who bows only to Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics, his old boss, and Joe McCarthy of the New York Yankees as managerial monopolists in the major leagues, considers the 1945 season the most uncertain in major league history.

"We thought 1944 was the crucial year," Dykes asserted, "but it was cut-and-dried compared with this year. No manager can say until opening day what his starting line-up will be, and it's foolish to predict now whether any club will finish first, fourth or last."

For that reason, the 48-year-old pilot declined to say whether his team would improve its seventh-place performance of 1944. At the same time, however, he is far from pessimistic over the prospects of the squad he has been in drilling here since March 12.

Pitching, Dykes asserts, will be the White Sox forte if veterans Orval Grove, Bill Dietrich, John Humphries, Joe Haynes and Thornton Lee appear as expected. Meanwhile, he has Ed Lopat, an Calverley and Dick Hole scoring 38 points between them, the Rams rolled up a 49-27 lead, then staved off Tennessee's late rally.

Bowling Green of Ohio, sparked by Don Otten's 27 points, kept pace with Rhode Island by whipping the previously unbeaten Rensselaer Engineers, 60 to 45. The remainder of the first round will be played tomorrow night with St. John's meeting Muhlenberg and DePaul clashing with West Virginia.

Loyola of New Orleans, competing in the tourney for the first time, won the Nica title by upsetting the favored George Peppering College of Los Angeles, 49 to 36. Earlier eastern Kentucky, led by George Lewis who boosted his four-game tourney mark to 99 points, won the consolation game by beating Southern Illinois Normal, 56-49.

Oregon edged out Washington State, 39 to 37, in their third and deciding game for the Northern Division title of the Pacific Coast Conference and thus earned the right to compete in the western NCAA tourney at Kansas City this weekend. Arkansas, Oklahoma Aggies and Utah accepted invitations several weeks ago.

The eastern NCAA competition opens at the Garden Thursday night when Ohio State tangles with Kentucky and New York University meets Tufts. The winners play for the eastern title Saturday night.

### DETROIT TIGERS DRILL WITH EVANSVILLE TEAM

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 18. — (AP) — The Detroit Tigers, their eighth game exhibition series with Major League clubs wiped out by an ODT baseball travel ban, today scheduled a four-game Sunday series with an all-star Evansville team plant nine. Manager Steve O'Neill, whose charges went through a two-hour Sunday drill under a bright sun and 70-degree heat, said the Tigers would be ready for the first exhibition game next Sunday. "Any kind of competition will be good for our boys," he said, "much better than intra-squad games."

### BOSTON OLYMPICS CLINCH EIGHTH STRAIGHT VICTORY

BOSTON, March 18. — (AP) — The Boston Olympics virtually clinched the U. S. Amateur Hockey Association championship as they won their eighth straight game by overwhelming the Washington Lions, 14-4, today before a 5,656 crowd at Boston Garden.

Sparked by defenseman Theo Hamel, who scored two goals and registered six assists, and Right Winger Tommy Brennan, who scored five times and assisted on three others, the Olympics overcame a first period Washington lead early in the middle session.

Washington goals were scored by Chirp Brencley, Hank Nicowski, Jack McIntyre and George Kelly. The visitors played without two of their stars, Alan Percival and Harvey McClelland, who are injured.

### GIANTS HOLD FIRST COMPETITIVE ACTION

LAKEWOOD, N. J., March 18. — (AP) — The N. Y. Giants had their first competitive action today. Team No. 1 won, 2-1, over the second team in six innings. It was an errorless affair.

Rookies Walter Ockey and Don King, for the regulars, allowed one hit each in three innings. Andy Hansen and Bobby Barthelson, for team No. 2 gave eight hits, five off Hansen.

John Kerr, shortstop, had a sore shoulder and didn't play nor did Joe Medwick, left fielder, with a lame back.

Manager Ott announced that Frank Seward, pitcher, would be sent to the San Francisco club on option. He is the first of two players the Giants will send to the Seals in a deal involving Neil Sheridan, San Francisco outfielder, upon whom the New York club must exercise its option by August 1.

They won't be the Phutle Phils very long after the war.

That the ODT and WMC will take the play away from the RMI and ERA this year.

That Gunder Haegg's haberdashery boss doesn't do things half way. If the colors in those neckties Gunder sells won't run, Gunder won't either. But how can they be fast colors?

That this is enough of that.

### FOUR BROOKLYN TEAMS TRAIN AT THOMASVILLE

THOMASVILLE, March 18. — (AP) — Four Brooklyn Dodger farm teams will do their spring training here beginning April 5.

Olean, N. Y., of the Pony League, Newport News, Va., of the Piedmont League, Thomasville, of the North Carolina State league, and Burlington, of the Carolina league, will send between 65 to 70 players to the camp.

Young players wishing to try out for berths will also be welcomed.