

Cage Hearing Seeks Disposal Of \$50,000

BROOKLYN, March 28 — (AP) — What became of an estimated \$50,000 in profits from basketball in Madison Square Garden this season took up virtually the entire session today of the Joe Doe proceedings investigating Kings County athletics.

Ned Irish, acting president of Madison Square Garden, told Judge Samuel S. Leibowitz that 10 per cent of the net gate receipts—gross receipts less taxes and expenses—from 25 basketball nights at the 1944-45 season went to a special basketball department.

Irish and Leibowitz agreed the department received about \$65,000 during the season with the Garden estimating that between \$15,000 and \$17,000 was spent for expenses.

"Did you get the forty-eight to fifty thousand dollars?", the judge asked Irish.

"I refuse to answer in the belief that my private income is of no concern in this case," Irish answered.

He gave the same reply when Leibowitz asked if he had received less than 90 per cent or more than 90 per cent.

Leibowitz said he had the power to make Irish answer but would not use it. Instead, he instructed

ENGINEERS BEAT BOMBING OUTFIT IN SERVICE LOOP

'Bulldozers' Remain Undeclared In Mediterranean Theater

By SID FEDER
FLORENCE, Italy, March 28 — (AP)—Chalking up their second straight upset, the 21st Aviation Engineer "Bulldozers" outlasted the 321st Bomb Group "Mitchell Bombers" for a 45-33 victory to become the only undefeated team remaining in the Mediterranean theater basketball championships.

In the other second round tilt, the 92nd Negro division "Big Ayes", sparked by player-coach professional on New York's Renaissance club, came back from Monday's defeat at the hands of the "Bulldozers" to romp past the Port Pirates from Oran Naval Base, 43-30. The defeat eliminated the North African zone champions from the tournament under the "double elimination" system by which play is conducted.

A crowd of some 4,000 GI's and WAC's, jamming Florence's cement-floored Madison Square Garden, went slightly wild as the "bulldozers" although outmatched and "outweighed" practically down to the endgame, won simply by aggressive, "pressure" play they kept putting on the airforce Tyrrhenian Zone champions, and by teamwork. The starting lineup played the entire game except for the last minute, when one of the original five fouled out.

The Adriatic Zone titleholders played the team game so completely that top scoring honors were shared three ways—by Sgt. Joe Sokol, New Kensington, Pa., with a dozen points; Pvt. Paul Herman, one-time University of Tennessee star from Massillon, Ohio, with 11, and Pvt. Robert McQuillen, ex-high schooler of Toledo, Ohio, with 10.

At the same time, continuous hustling held the "Mitchell Bombers" Lt. Dar Hutchins, former Bradley Tech performer, to seven points, and it wasn't until he managed to cut loose in the last quarter that Lt. Ward Williams, who played a year at the University of Indiana before entering the Army, was able to finally pile up 12 points.

Connecting for a half-dozen field goals and a pair of fouls, Woods paced the "Big Ayes", the 15th Army's Northern Italy champs, to victory. Sgt. Charles Brown, who hailed from Benton Harbor, Mich., and who played with Western Michigan at Kalamazoo, found the range in the last half to wind up with 10 points. Heading the Port Pirates' vain bid was EM 2-c Tom O'Brien of Marietta, Ohio, with 10 points.

Favorites To Meet For Women's Title

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass., March 28 — (AP)—Favorites Helen Pedersen Ribbany of New York and Katharine Winthrop of Hamden survived their semi-finals matches easily today at the Longwood Cricket Club and will meet tomorrow for the national Women's Indoor Tennis Championship.

First-seeded Mrs. Ribbany's dazzling service and raking forehand drives proved too much for Mrs. Melvin M. Johnson, Jr. of Brookline. After a slow start, the New York woman swept to a 6-3, 6-0 triumph.

Maryland Jockey Club Plans For Preakness

BALTIMORE, March 28 — (AP)—If there is any racing at Pimlico in '45 there will be a Preakness; and if there isn't, the Preakness pot of gold will pay off like any Christmas saving club to owners of eligible three-year-olds.

The Maryland Jockey Club, on a do-or-die basis, went ahead with plans for running the \$50,000-added event, even if there's snow in the air next fall.

Invitations for supplementary nominations by April 16 at \$1,500 per clip were issued to owners of thoroughbreds not eligible already, with the added assurance there would be a refund if it becomes definite the race won't go. Refunds also would be made of regular nomination fees paid.

That may be late next fall, depending on progress of the war and actions of Government officials but Henry A. Parr, 3rd, president of Pimlico and of the Thoroughbred Racing Association, explained that he was "hopeful that there will be racing this year, and therefore we have taken steps to insure continuance of the Preakness."

There is now \$12,170 in the pot from 31 owners, with 57 horses eligible. To this would be added the \$50,000 stake, and the \$500 starting fees. The \$12,170 came from the \$10 required for registration of foals in 1942, a \$25 payment in 1944 and the additional \$100 due last January 15.

The original entry blank called for running the Preakness, one jewel in the famed triple crown—the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness and the Belmont—at the spring meeting. The new one specifies that it be run at the first regular meeting of 1945. Refunds probably would be made in November, Parr said, if racing is not resumed.

In addition, should any owner object to the change in time, he may receive a refund of nominating fees by objecting on or before April 16.

Billiard Champ Wins In Philadelphia Play

PHILADELPHIA, March 28 — (AP)—Walker Cochran, world three-cushion billiards champion, tide a previous high run of 11 to defeat Willie Hoppe, 60-35, in 44 innings tonight in the final block of Philadelphia play in their transcontinental title match series.

The victory was Cochran's third in a row here over Hoppe and followed 60-52 win registered by the champion this afternoon. Hoppe had won the first three blocks.

Cochran's double triumph added to 43 points the margin Hoppe holds over him in the 5,400-point series. The pair will resume play in Detroit Friday with Hoppe leading 1,157 to 1,114.

WILDCATS OPEN SEASON AGAINST WHITEVILLE NINE

Game Slated For Thirtieth and Ann Field At 3:45 P. M. Friday

New Hanover High's letter-manless baseball team will play its first game of the season against the Whiteville High horsehiders tomorrow at the Thirtieth and Ann Street diamond at 3:45 p.m.

Little is known about the Columbus county lads, and Coach Buster Dandelak refused to make comment concerning the outcome of the fracas. However, Dandelak urged all baseball enthusiasts to come out and lend their support to the home team.

Kenneth Rogers, former Norfolk hurler, probably will start off on the mound for the Wildcats. Rogers has an extremely fast ball, and seems to have uncanny control. "Hacksaw" Tuttle, relief catcher with last year's Wildcats, will probably get the nod to take over the backstop duties.

The rest of the infield will be composed of Harry Smith at first, Tinky Rogers at second, Jack Marcus at shortstop and J. B. Price at third. The Wildcat outfield garden will feature Duncan Futrelle at right, Toddy Fennell at center, and Howell Sharpe at left.

Sharpe will bat clean-up for the 'Cats. Although he is playing his first year of baseball, Howell has found the range at practice and lifted several over the right field fence.

TURF'S 'OLD MAN' HAS ANNIVERSARY

By JACK LEWNY
LEXINGTON, Ky., March 28 — (AP)—Tomorrow's an occasion in the rolling blue grass country, already tinted by the natural magic of springtime.

As the first cock's crow echoes in the dawning, a grand old man—Man O'War—the most famous horse in American turf history will reach the 28th milestone in his now-plutocratic life.

Big Red, "the greatest hoss of them all," is now in complete retirement at Samuel D. Riddle's faraway farm near here.

The equine pride of Kentucky is an old man: twenty-eight years is a long life for a horse.

But Big Red is a frisky fellow despite his years and an old age sag in his back.

Man O'War was foaled March 29, 1917, and was retired from racing 25 years ago after 20 turf victories in 21 starts.

(Actually, "Red" was 28 on January 1, since that is the universal age-change date for thoroughbreds, but his foaling date is observed on the exact date.)

The sleek red stallion also ranked as one of the top sires of racing stock. Before retired from the stud, he sired 357 sons and daughters, including War Admiral and Clyde Van Dusen, Kentucky Derby winners; War Relic, American Flag and Crusader.

Big Red won The Preakness and The Belmont but never ran in the Kentucky Derby, his Negro groom, Will Harbut, will tell you as he casts a watchful eye on The Old Man as pasture.

Will, who once said he would "rather have this job than be president," has been Man O'War's groom for 15 years.

"Red" leads a well-regulated, but easy life on Riddles farm. Will says the Stallion is in good health for a man of his age.

STRANGE THINGS HIT THE DODGERS

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N. Y. March 28 — (AP)—They say anything can happen in Brooklyn. But who would have dared predict a year ago that a 17-year-old would be the regular shortstop and a 43-year-old would share the catching duties for the Dodgers?

Yet that is the situation today, as Manager Leo Durocher let it be known that Tommy Brown, who won't be 18 until December 6, "is the only infielder sure of his berth" while the wizened weather-beaten Clyde Sukeforth "will do plenty of catching this season."

"Brownie is my shortstop, make no mistake about that," he said. The kid has natural ability and has improved greatly. With the added confidence of big league competition, Tommy should become one of the standouts of the game."

This is Brown's second year in organized baseball. After playing three years in the Brooklyn-Kiwanis league, he was plucked by the Dodgers and sent to their Newport News farm where he batted .297 in 91 games and led the Piedmont league in triples. He was called up in August and in 64 games batted a meagre .164.

Sukeforth entered the majors in 1926, more than a year before Tommy was born, serving as second stringer to Bubbles Hargrave of the Cincinnati Reds. An eye injury received in a hunting accident in the winter of 1931 hastened the end of his career and resulted in his being traded to Brooklyn the following year.

With Al Lopez handling most of the catching duties, Suke played in only a few games in 1933 and '34 and quit baseball in '35. In '36, he returned to manage Leaksville, N. C., in the Bi-State league, moved to Clinton, Iowa, in the 3-Eye league the next year and piloted Elmira in the Eastern league in 38-43.

Ex-Butcher Boy Ready To Defend Mat Title

"Everything is shaping up for one of the most thrilling and spectacular wrestling nights ever to be offered tomorrow night at Thalian Hall," declared jovial Bert Causey, the Wrestling Mogul of Wilmington.

Dave Levin, ex-butcher boy, that climbed the ladder of fame and success the hard way, and now claimant of the Junior Heavyweight title made quite a hit with the fans last week and numerous to bring him back again to display request came in to the Promoter's office.

Jimmy Coffield, of Kansas City, was contacted and readily accepted the chance to dethrone the Brooklynite and take a whack at the title. Coffield is well known here although Jimmy has not been here in nearly a year, and, as of old, will be in there pitching to win.

Sonny Meyers, a newcomer from St. Joseph, Mo., comes in highly recommended to have a fling at taking the hood off the Masked Marvel No. 2 in the supporting match.

Both matches will be two out of three falls, to decide the winners. Tickets are now on sale and there are only a few choice seats left, so if you haven't gotten yours,

Senators Whitewash Boston Braves 2-0

WASHINGTON, March 28 — (AP)—Two runs in the first of the ninth gave the Washington Senators a 2-0 victory today over the Boston Braves on the Braves home training field at Georgetown University, evening the clubs' exhibition series at two victories each.

The Senators won the game when Case walked, Myatt sacrificed, and Chippell singled. Case home, Binks walked and Chippell scored when Drew of the Braves dropped Wietelmann's throw on an attempted force play at second on Kuhl's grounder.

Johnny Hutchings, 260-pound Boston pitcher, held the Senators to one scratch hit the first six innings.

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Hitler's Cause Admittedly Lost

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"I just can imagine how pleased you are feeling now that you at last are in the country you have conquered and about whose inhabitants you have heard such dreadful things," he said.

"I can imagine what it feels like to hear of one's comrades, but now is the time to ignore all you have been told about the German people and judge for yourself. Ask yourself if you have found the Germans self-satisfied, overbearing, fanatical, heartless and brutal?"

Another Nazi twilight propagandist—George Schroeder, chief correspondent for the Transoceanic agency—acknowledged that even Heinrich Himmler's dreaded Gestapo was not enough to make the German people want to fight on.

"Iron discipline," he said, "certainly is not enough to make the people continue the battle, faith and conviction also are needed."

Schroeder said the "most difficult task was trying to answer the peoples' most persistent question: when will the German counteroffensive in the east be promised? Goebbels three weeks ago began."

"There is no hope that the German high command's silence on this question will be broken," he said.

With confusion spreading throughout the Reich as Allied armies gobbled up more and more German soil and war planes battered the transport system, a further restriction in food rationing was reported in a Berlin dispatch to the Stockholm newspaper Svenska Dagbladet.

The dispatch said there was no longer any fixed food obtainable for the greater part of the ration coupons and all distribution now was based on the amount of different supplies available in local areas.

New plans for the further evacuation of bomb-battered Berlin were announced by the German radio, indicating that all women and children would be cleared from the capital while able-bodied men will remain for a last-ditch stand.

An urgent Berlin broadcast told the Germans that "an enemy-controlled radio station is broadcasting false news on the wavelenght of the Frankfurt radio to spread unrest and confusion among the German civilian population near the front."

Reports from Stockholm that Hitler's ace trade negotiator, Karl Schnurre, was in Sweden with peace feelers were denounced as "lies" by the German foreign office.

The German foreign office declared: "Schnurre often travels to Stockholm to discuss German-Swedish trade relations.

AGGIES, DE PAUL MEET IN GARDEN

NEW YORK, March 28. — (AP)—Two of the leading college teams in the nation, featuring the two best big boys' meet for the mythical Nation Basketball championship at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night when De Paul of Chicago and the Oklahoma Aggies tangle in a Red Cross benefit game.

De Paul, with six-foot nine-inch George Miken as its chief threat, qualified for the Red Cross contest by winning the National Invitation tournament while the Aggies, built around seven-foot Baon Kurland, made the grade by taking the National Collegiate A. A. title. For both sides it was their first major tournament championship.

The Chicago quintet nosed out the Aggies by two points during the regular season with little to choose between the playing of Mikan and Kurland. The De Paul center broke all Garden scoring records in the invitation tournament, setting a new one-game high of 53 points against Rhode Island State.

Kurland, while leading the Aggies with 22 points in their NCAA triumph over New York University last night, proved his worth in controlling the ball of the boards. Supporting the two big boys, both teams have plenty of speed with Cecil Hankins the Aggies best operative and either Whitey Kachan or Gene Stamp holding a like spot on the De Paul team.

With Bowling Green and New York University, runners-up in the two tournaments, playing the opening game another crowd of over 18,000 is expected to pack the Garden and turn over in the neighborhood of \$40,000 to the Red Cross. Only one of the seven tournament double-headers failed to draw more than 18,000 fans.

The Sports Trail New Cage Rule Favors Taller Hoop Players

By WHITNEY MARTIN
NEW YORK, March 28. — (AP)—All winter long the "let's change the rules" boys have been yowling that something should be done to curb the advantage the exceedingly tall players have in basketball. The flagpoles should be cut down to half mast; they should be blindfolded; there oughta be a law . . .

So—the rules committee, possibly working on the theory that the way to keep a dog from barking so loudly is to equip it with an amplifier, makes one change which might pertain to the Mikans and the Kurlands and the Ottens, and the one change is in favor of the big guys.

The change eliminates any penalty if a player touches the hoop while a goal is being scored, and as the man of average height isn't going to touch the hoop at any time without a stepladder the change can affect only the giants.

It is a minor change at best, and probably was made to take the pressure off the officials, who often have difficulty in determining whether or not the ring had been touched. It will ease the mind of the players, though, to know they don't have to be afraid of splashing while they are dunking.

Oddly enough, the rule passed last year with the idea of bending the knees of the big guys a little reacted in their favor, although at the same time serving the purpose for which it was intended.

The rule barred goal tending, or the practice of placing some human three-story building in there under the basket to practically put a lid on it by batting the ball away on its downward arc.

It was a good rule. It curtailed the defensive effectiveness of the big fellows, but at the same time it made better all-around players out of them, as the coaches who have such men on their squads will testify.

Personally we aren't in favor of putting too many restrictions on the big boys, as we don't think it fair to penalize a man for his physique. It isn't done in any other sport except perhaps boxing and wrestling.

Maybe they should have classes in basketball, too, with the divisions based on height, in which case we would find the De Paul six-foot-two meeting the Bowling Green six-foot-two, etc.

Anyway, there can be no criticism of the basketball rules makers to date. They never leap and look. Suggestions that possibly might improve the game usually are given a thorough trial before being adopted, and we have an idea that nothing radical to curtail the rights and physical advantages of the big men will be put into the rules.

To do such a thing would be too much like making some football rule to curtail the effectiveness of Doc Blanchard, Army's great fullback whose physique gives him an edge over the average man.

TOLEDO MUDHENS TIE BROWNS 6-6

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., March 28. — (AP)—The Toledo Mudhens cuffed Pitcher Al Hollingsworth for eight hits and four runs during his three-inning tenure today and gained a 6 to 6 tie with the St. Louis Browns in an exhibition game.

The Browns could muster only 10 hits off Earl Smalling and John Whitehead, while the minor leaguers collected 12 off Nelson Potter, Hollingsworth and Tex Shirley, who worked three innings each.

George McQuinn, Browns' regular first baseman, was struck on the knee by a fast ground ball in the third inning and was taken to a hospital for an x-ray examination. The knee was badly swollen before he left the park.

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Batteries: Smalling, Whitehead (6) and Comyn, Missler, Bierer, Potter, Hollingsworth (4), Shirley (7) and Mancuso.

City Attorney To Probe Civil Service Hearing

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er bodies, although he does not have to attend their meetings.

Mr. Campbell said he has not been called upon by the Civil Service Commission to interpret the record of the Looney case, and that he had not been asked to attend the recent meetings, when the case was discussed.

The City Attorney disclosed that he would probably be in a position tomorrow to hand down a ruling on the case.

The Council in its all-day session yesterday, revoked a beer and wine license from Thomas E. Newkirk, operator of the Eight-Ball pool room, for violation of the ordinance prohibiting the sale or consumption of beer on Sunday.

Newkirk was accused of operating an establishment that interferes with the peace of the community, selling beer and wine during unlawful hours, and constituting a general nuisance.

After the Council re-convened at 2:15 p.m. yesterday, Alton Lennon, representing Newkirk, stated that in view of Newkirk's intention to enter other employment, he had agreed to surrender his present license to sell beer and wine, and not to make application for a new license for a period of one year.

It was indicated at the meeting that Newkirk would not enter the type of business in which he now is engaged.

The City Council yesterday authorized the opening of bids April 11, to pave sidewalks in the area south of Market street.

It was explained that the sidewalk paving contract held by F. D. Cline, of Raleigh, covers only the work north of Market street. The contractor is expected to resume work April 1, after suspension since December 13.

Scheduled to benefit by extension of the sidewalk paving project are streets to Wrightsville avenue, including Woodlark avenue.

The City Manager was instructed to confer with County authorities on the matter of a joint recommendation for a New Hanover candidate to serve on the State Ports Authority.

Pointing out that a joint City-County recommendation to the Governor for New Hanover's candidate on the State Ports Authority would "carry more weight," Councilman Edgar L. Yow said it was important to keep the new Port Authority separate from the present Wilmington Port Commission.

Councilman Yow suggested that the present commission be left as it is, and a new member be

Hamner Brothers Star As Jays Defeat Blues

WILMINGTON, Del., March 28. — (AP)—The Hamner brothers of Richmond, Va., starred at the bat today as the Jays beat the Blues 7-1 in a Philadelphia Phillies intracamp game.

Granville, 17-year-old infielder who came up with the Phils last fall, collected three singles with his 20-year-old brother, Garvin, got two singles and a double.

Army Beats 'Dem Bums' 5-4 In Extra Inning

WEST POINT, N. Y., March 28. — (AP)—The Brooklyn Dodgers dropped a 10-inning game to the Army nine today, 5 to 4. The winning run was forced with the bases filled after fanning two batters.

Manager Leo Durocher played through the entire game as the Dodgers' second baseman.

The Dodgers announced that besides selling Whit Wyatt, erstwhile mound ace to the Phillies, Barney Koch, holdout infielder, was sent to Montreal in exchange for Vic Lombardi.

County Resident Drowned In Orton Plantation Pond

Julius Andrews, 31, Carolina Beach highway was drowned about 3 p.m. yesterday in McKenzie pond on Orton Plantation in Brunswick county, Coroner W. E. Bell of Southport reported last night.

Coroner Bell reported that Andrews was fishing in the pond with B. J. Huffman, of Wilmington, and although he had not completed the investigation, he believed the death to be accidental. There was no indication of foul play, he said.

Carroll Won't Bet On Race To Berlin

ST. LOUIS, March 28. — (AP)—Jimmy Carroll, the sporting world's recognized oddsmaker, refused tonight to speculate on any odds on the race to Berlin by seven Allied armies.

"It's too grim a business," he said.

PAVING CONTRACT

A contract for \$4,318.77 has been let to F. D. Cline of Raleigh, to pave Worth street in Marfitt Village, it was disclosed last night by Henry Emory, director of the Housing Authority. Work is scheduled to begin sometime next week.

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