

Cuff Notes

By JACK STILLMAN

Tales of physically handicapped athletes are not new to the wrestling profession, although those of baseball are beginning to take their place in recent news.

When "Kid" Ellis, the Dry Pond Drednought from Wilmington, lost one of his legs, he was counted out by the wrestling picture for good—that is, counted out by almost every one but Ellis, himself.

Ellis has held the middleweight championships for the Army, Navy and Marine corps, during World War I, and from 1922 to 1926 he held the world's title.

Ellis was considered one of the most sensational wrestlers of his day. Fans turned out by the thousands to see the one-legged champion in action. They wanted to see just what kind of resistance a one-legged wrestler could offer. Ellis had his own formula. Perhaps it was because no grappler had ever before been called upon to put up resistance to a wrestler with one leg, and were not prepared for defense against such attacks by an abbreviated leg—in the face and chest. Ellis knew how to take advantage of his "handicap," and turned it

into an asset. The "Kid" recalls a 15-minute exhibition match in front of the grand stand at the annual Coastal Fair at the American Legion stadium here a few years ago.

A long and bitter rivalry between the greatest two wrestlers ever to come out of Wilmington—Fritz Hanson and "Kid" Ellis—was billed as an exhibition match. Hanson was 48 and Ellis was 45.

After 15 minutes, neither was able to pin the other. Ellis made excellent use of his shortened leg, planting himself on the floor time and time again to prevent Hanson, former world welterweight champion, from pinning him.

Several times Hanson seemed almost to have Ellis pinned to the mat, but always that nubbins of a leg came to the rescue. The shortened limb also proved to good advantage when pushed into Hanson's face, as the latter struggled to get a hold on the slippery Ellis.

The crowd seemed to enjoy the exhibition to the utmost, and near the end of the match, Hanson was about to complete a hammerlock on Ellis, but the final whistle made the bout a draw.

Holy Cross Grigger Missing In Action

SCRANTON, Pa., March 30.—(U.P.)—Capt. Edward J. O'Mealia, Holy Cross University football captain and all-American end in 1938, has been missing in action in Germany since March 15, his wife learned in a War Department telegram today. O'Mealia, 30, was inducted into the Army in 1941 and was sent overseas last October. He received a masters degree from Boston University.

DODGER MANAGER WARNS DUROCHER

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N. Y., March 30.—(U.P.)—President Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers today warned Manager Leo Durocher that he must decide once and for all whether he prefers a baseball career or the bright lights. Angered when he wanted to confer with Durocher last night and learned that he had gone to New York City to rehearse for a part he has in a radio program Sunday, Rickey called his manager on the carpet today.

"Leo and I are not in disagreement," Rickey said after a two-minute conference with Durocher. "However, his baseball job must come first and his outside interests must be incidental—or else."

Although Rickey earlier had made it clear that he would order Durocher to give up his radio interests when they made it necessary for him to be absent from his baseball duties, he added that he would allow him to appear on Sunday. Durocher has a role in the coast-to-coast Hall of Fame program from New York at 6 p.m. Sunday.

The Dodgers are scheduled to play an exhibition game here at 2 p.m., hardly leaving Durocher enough time to arrive in time for the show without missing a portion of the game. Rickey indicated that previously Durocher had missed parts of practice sessions without his permission to attend radio rehearsals.

Durocher, apparently not eager to give up his radio work, pointed out to newspapermen prior to the conference that he would receive \$1,500 for the broadcast and two previous appearances netted him "an easy \$2,000."

The Rickey-Durocher disagreement on radio appearances flared open as early as last fall. When Durocher's contract was renewed for a year, Rickey said he wanted his manager to be free to negotiate for any other job he wanted, whether it be in "baseball, radio or Hollywood."

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MANPOWER BILL FACING DEFEAT

(Continued from Page One) came today, both sides were attempting to rally absent members. Meanwhile, the debate went on, and on.

Senator Brooks (R-Ill) opened today with a charge the measure is "another unwarranted grab for power."

He said he did not question the strategy of the military and naval leaders, but added "they are not trained professional men as experts in the art of labor and management cooperation."

"The heads and leaders of all branches of labor and management throughout America not only ask us not to pass this bill," he said, "but warn us that its passage will retard our unprecedented production and cause confusion and chaos that may prolong the war."

He declared the measure would "place in one man's hands the power to shackle and bind both labor and industrial management to future Government edicts."

He was followed by Senator Langer (R-ND) who had announced a three-hour speech.

Langer said the Government already has taken a lot of American boys "and now they're going to draft women and children and send them where they want to."

How about drafting capital as well as the bodies of young men, he said, suggesting a capital tax over and above income taxes.

Seeks Assignment In Orient



Marine Second Lieutenant Helen Marlowe, tennis star, who would like to revisit the Orient, where she is defending champion of the All Comers' Championship Title of China, Siam, the Philippines—and Japan. However, just now she is busy as commanding officer of the women Marines, who form the permanent staff of the Women's Reserve Schools at Camp Lejeune.

The Sports Trail Dodger Club Resembles Teams Of Past Seasons

By WHITNEY MARTIN NEW YORK, March 30.—(AP)—The Brooklyn Dodger score cards this year should carry a notation to the effect that any resemblance to the Bums of other year is strictly coincidental, and Mr. Rickey will take care of such a situation in due time.

Branch Rickey and Uncle Sam have been doing a strip tease with the Brooklyn roster, until today it bears but a hazy resemblance to what it was in the glory days when the borough of Brooklyn was just one big baseball park as far as enthusiasm was concerned.

Now Whitlow Wyatt has joined the list of Camilliss and Mewicks and Vaughans and Hermans and Reisers as gone but not forgotten heroes. Wyatt has been sold down the river to the Phillies, a fate that at one time would have been considered worse than baseball death, although this year it could even be a break. Who knows, the Phillies might win the pennant.

Anyway, the sale of Wyatt either indicates that Rickey is convinced the 36-year-old pitcher is through, or that he's getting rid of him under his policy of youth, which he carried to something of an extreme last year. Wyatt was of little help except to opposing teams last year, and if he came back with a sound arm this year it would be something of a miracle.

The decline of Wyatt from a highly-paid star of 1941 and 1942 to his present status of a property of little assessed value again demonstrates the fragile and fleeting qualities of a pro baseball career.

Just four years ago he was a major factor in the Dodgers' march to the pennant, and he was as independent as a mouse in a cheese factory when it came to talking 1942 contract. He held out until March 22, 1942, and signed for a reported \$17,500.

He had another good year in 1942, so he didn't sign his next contract until March 12, 1943. In 1943 he won 14 while losing five, but last year he was an almost total loss, with the result that this year, if he decides to play, he'll probably play for what amounts to peanuts, four years from the top to the bottom.

The departure of the Georgian leaves just four active players on the 1941 championship club still on the roster. They are Dixie Walker, Mickey Owen, Curt Davis and Augie Galan. Of these only Davis has reported.

So time is marching on in Brooklyn, aided by a few well-placed kicks by Mr. Rickey. The fans who have been absent in the service since 1941 or 1942 will recognize their beloved bums only by their uniforms when they return. And, judging from the night game uniforms they wore last year, there might be a little difficulty in identification there.

U.S. Troops Cross Eder Without Nazi Opposition

(Continued from Page One) ed across the Eder and entered Fritzlar, 182 miles southwest of Berlin and 16 miles from Kassel. Simultaneously, the Sixth Armored Division of the Third Army general route to the vicinity of Treysa, 15 miles to the south which the First Army's Ninth Armored Division already had reached. It was the Ninth which captured the Rhine bridge at Remagen.

The German radio said the Third Army's Fourth Armored Division, which earlier in the day captured Lauterbach, had pushed on nearly 13 miles to near Fulda within 192 miles of Berlin in a drive that was severing Germany at the waist.

By this account, the Third Army would be 242 miles from the Russian lines, and Gen. Omar N. Bradley's headquarters earlier had placed them but 245 miles apart.

North-bound forces of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army dashed another 30 miles north during the day through Paderborn, big railway and highway center, and air base, where German paratroopers took off in the enemy's winter offensive in the Ardennes.

A front dispatch said Paderborn had been reached during the morning and that the massive armored cavalcade was rolling on toward the north German plain with nothing to stop it but the problem of supply.

Paderborn virtually sealed the fate of the German defenders of the outflanked Ruhr, the best Hitler

Whiteville Defeats Wilmington Nine, 8-1

New Hanover High school's baseball team was downed in the 1945 opener yesterday afternoon by the Whiteville horse-hiders 8-1, at the Thirteenth and Ann street field.

Although the game was the first of the season, it was not a conference contest. In the last game with Whiteville, the Wilmington aggregation emerged with a 3-2 victory.

PACIFIC LEAGUE TO BEGIN TODAY

By RUSS NEWLAND LOS ANGELES, March 30.—(AP)—Bolstered by the recent War Manpower Commission's ruling releasing players from essential jobs, the Pacific Coast League swings into action tomorrow in its 3d season, its fourth under war time conditions, with the prospects of playing before the largest total attendance in its history.

With no competition from horse racing, chief rival for the Saturday crowds, the Coast Class AA baseball loop, expects the fans to come trooping through the turnstiles throughout the season. Last year's tremendous overall turnout, 2,343,266, only the 1924 attendance exceeded it, surprised even the most optimistic directors of the league. With a Government nod of approval this year to back them up, they look for bigger and better gate receipts.

Concededly not up to the peace time variety, the brand of ball to be dished up this season, nevertheless, should be not too far away from double "A" class. Some of the big league clubs have fulfilled commitments by shipping out players from the international league and others will be on the way before long.

The league's schedule has been extended two weeks, opening a week earlier and closing a week later, September 17.

Los Angeles won the 1944 pennant, its second in a row, and figures to be in a race for the flag this season with the veteran-managed Seattle club. The latter has a solid club, an infield strengthened by the acquisition of First Sacker George McDonald from San Diego. The northern team's pitching staff is crammed with oldsters and the only question is whether their aging arms will become pliable early in the season.

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Toney Penna Leads Durham Golf Open

STATE DEFEATS POINTERS, 11-9

RALEIGH, March 30.—(AP)—N. C. State's batsmen exploded for five runs in the eighth inning here today to trip the Cherry Point Marines, 11 to 9, as Coach Beattie Feathers' Collegians opened their regular baseball season.

The Collegians, showing power at the bat, pounded four Marine pitchers for 12 hits. At the same time, a quartet of State pitchers held the Leathernecks to five bingles. Three of the Marine hits were off Riggan, State righthander, who worked the fifth and sixth stanzas. One each were off Potras, who worked four and Gibson who worked one.

The big eighth saw the State batters, headed by Gibson, then working left field, pound out four hits and capitalize on two errors to overcome a 9-6 lead racked up by the Marines in the early innings.

State will open its Ration league schedule with Carolina Pre-Flight on Doak Field here Monday.

Today's game replaced one scheduled only yesterday with Camp Butler. Cherry Point originally was scheduled to pay here yesterday but the game was cancelled at the request of the Marines. However, when the Leathernecks showed up today Camp Butler withdrew.

Joe Baksi, a 14 to 5 favorite, knocked Lou Nova down for a nine count in the fourth round and staggered him in several other rounds to win a unanimous 10-round decision over the Alameda, Cal., heavyweight before 14,094 fans at Madison Square Garden tonight.

Baksi's savage attack in the last two rounds, when he opened a bad cutover Nova's right eye, won him the decision.

This came after Nova had apparently wiped out the disadvantage of going down in the fourth and pulled up to where, if he took the last two rounds, he might win.

Baksi came rushing out to start the ninth and caught Nova with three hard lefts and rights to the head. Nova hung on, but another Baksi left started the blood spurting like lathered Referee Ruby Goldstein might stop it.

Nova was permitted to continue, however. In the tenth he took another bad beating about the head as Baksi tried for a kayo, but the Californian fought back gamely and at the end made Baksi give ground with a right cross. Both boys were given an ovation at the end.

Baksi weighed 210 1-2, Nova 200 1-2. Nova's jabs and right crosses kept the former coal miner from Kulpmont, Pa., at bay on many occasions, but the ex-yogi man gave ground whenever Baksi made one of his bull-like rushes.

It was one of these rushes that sent Nova down in the fourth. As Nova stepped backward, Baksi landed a hard right to the body and followed through with a hard shove. The punch and the shove combined to throw Nova halfway through the ropes. He got to one knee and took the nine count as his new manager, Jimmy Johnston, hollered encouragement from his corner.

Nova made Baksi retreat the rest of the fourth round, and won the fifth easily. Baksi twice staggered Nova in the sixth with lefts and rights to the head, but lost ground in the eighth as Nova made his best showing. He swarmed over Baksi with jabs, right crosses and body punches with hardly a return.

At the end Judge Frank Forbes gave Baksi seven rounds, Nova two and called one even. Judge Bill Cohen called it 6-3-1 and Referee Ruby Goldstein 5-3-2. The Associated Press had it 7-3.

The gross receipts were \$46,394 of which 10 per cent was donated to the Red Cross.

SUNRISE SERVICE The annual sunrise prayer service of the First Presbyterian Holiness church, North Fourth and Campbell streets, will be held aster Sunday at 6 a.m. Special music has been arranged.

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Nazis Preparing For Third Conflict In Century State Department Says (Continued from Page One) low cost, in foreign schools and firms where they will have "excellent opportunity to design and perfect new weapons."

Propaganda intended first to soften up the Allies through "a subtle plea for fair treatment of Germans," later giving "rebirth to all Nazi doctrines and futhering German ambitions for world domination."

Temple Baptist church will have as its guest speaker, Easter Sunday, Dr. Theron D. Price of Yale University. Dr. Price served as interim pastor of Temple during the illness of its pastor, the late Dr. Arthur J. Barton.

Dr. Price is a native of Arkansas, having graduated from Ouachita College of that state. Before going to Yale to continue his studies, he received his Master's Degree in theology from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, and served as pastor of the Episcopal Baptist church, Buechel, Kentucky.

Anticipating an overflow crowd at the Easter services, amplifiers have been installed in several Sunday School rooms and also in the church annex in order that everyone might hear the speaker.

A final report of the results of the New Building Fund Drive will be given at the Sunday evening service.

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VIRGINIA TEAM GETS FRANCHISE

BURLINGTON, March 30.—(AP)—Directors of the Carolina Baseball League tonight awarded the Rocky Mount franchise to the Philadelphia Athletics to be operated at Martinsville, Va., this season. Ira Thomas, chief scout of the A's claimed the franchise.

Rocky Mount surrendered its place in the loop some time ago through its president, Frank Walker, by reason of the transportation problem, and Martinsville immediately made a bid for it.

Directors authorized Dr. Tom S. Wilson of Draper, league president, to release the schedule on or before April 10. A few minor changes are now being effected in it.

All teams were represented and they agreed to accept public transportation during the coming season, or work out their own plans. Most of the teams will open spring training next week. The season opens April 26 with Greensboro at Winston-Salem; Durham at Burlington; Raleigh at Danville, and Martinsville at Leaksville.

Willie Pep gets Army discharge HARTFORD, Conn., March 30.—(AP)—Skinny, spindly-shanked Willie Pep who is in a class by himself as a featherweight boxer, today entered a fairly exclusive class of World War II veterans.

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