

Sports Roundup

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.
NEW YORK, April 7.—Joe McCarthy, the no-longer silent manager of the Yankees, says that baseball will look better this year because the players won't be trying to fill the shoes of a departed star. . . Last season, Joe explains, the kids were trying to bear down too hard and as a result didn't settle down and play their own game until mid-season. . . He might have added that it will look better to the fans because instead of thinking of the departed DiMaggios, Williamses and Fellers, they'll be comparing this year's crop with the Bums who wore Major league uniforms last season. . . The gates surrounding the Giants' training quarters at Lakewood, N. J. are locked at midnight—not to keep the players in but to keep the beer out. . . Gosh, we knew some of those boys were green—but.

TODAY'S GUEST STAR
 Will Connolly, San Francisco Chronicle. "Financial statement of the California Boxers and Wrestlers' Welfare association lists \$8.52 for February telephone. . . \$7.10 for treatment of injured rib. . . \$204.25 for operation to correct detached eye retina of pugilist. . . 77 cents for suturing laceration. . . And \$7,000 in United States war bonds. . . Backward dopes, these dumb pugs and rascals, aren't they?"

SHORTS AND SHELLS
 The once-adjourned National Football league meeting has gone through an entire day and so far George (Wet wash) Marshall hasn't walked out because it was

"illegal." . . . When he was informed that he was father of boy triplets, George Ervin of Waco, Tex., merely commented: "Twice more and I'll have a baseball club." . . . Lt. Hal Surface combined business with pleasure when he escorted a civilian coaching troupe to Bermuda for the Army. Hal took time out to win the Bermuda doubles championship (with Capt. F. Potter) to prove to the soldiers he knew what he was talking about. . . Cy Buker, the high school teacher who was the cause of Branch Rickey's popoff about draft boards being too tough, says he could have been a Major league pitcher two years and if he'd had the benefit of Branch's lectures five years back. . . And those blasted eardrums probably would have made him a four-fer, too.

SERVICE DEPT.
 Buff Donelli, who only had charge of a big physical training program at Duquesne U. for 13 years, is about to leave the Sampson Naval Training Center for the Physical Instructors' school at Bainbridge. . . Lt. G. A. Busch, Jr., former Michigan State U. golfer, claims he has acquired all the comforts of a \$100 a month apartment in Italy with furniture constructed from bomb crating ammunition boxes and airplane fuselages. He hasn't been able to make a golf course out of that stuff. . . Thanks to Lt. Comdr. Roland Kickapoo Logan, the San Diego, Calif., Naval hospital will have its first baseball team this spring. The coach is Lt. Harold Rock, former Major league pitcher.

Miller, 'Miss Red' Clash On 'Clothing' Card Here

Friday the 13th, originally scheduled as "Black Cat Night," may have another meaning according to Promoter Bert Causey's way of thinking. . . In cooperation with United Nations Clothing Collection for War Relief, Promoter Causey said yesterday that he has decided to add free to the Friday night's Thalian hall wrestling matches all children bringing garments that can be used in the clothing collection.

Promoter Causey also urged all the grownups to bring a bundle, and not to be bashful about it. This is a nation-wide drive and he feels that the people of the United States can and will do their bit toward helping to clothe the peoples of Europe, rendered helpless by the war.

Causey has contacted Ann Miller, the stocky little girl from Baltimore, and she has agreed to meet "Mysterious Miss Red," the rough young lady who threw Miss Violet Valentine out of the ring last week.

Local fans are beginning to wonder who "Miss Red" actually is, where she's from, and what she looks like. Although unable to do more than guess at the answers, the fans who have seen her know for a fact that she can wrestle. Ann Miller was at Thalian hall last year and won a couple of matches. She has been picked as the one most likely to unveil the "Lady in Red."

Sonny Myers, the "Sinatra" of wrestling, has also been scheduled for the card, but a suitable opponent has not yet been chosen.

Sarazen Wants Golf Pros To Help Vets

WASHINGTON, April 7.—(P)—Gene Sarazen, who occasionally speaks for golf, thinks the sport would make a mistake by "rushing back into things," on a big scale, if V-E Day comes soon. Before teeing off on a friendly round with Bob Hanegan, national Democratic chairman, and Senator Tydings (D-Md.) the little professional said: "The best thing that the professionals, in particular, can do is to concentrate on helping out a rehabilitation centers. "Doctors say that golf is wonderful for war veterans. It gets them out into the fresh air and takes their minds off themselves, and golf can help a lot this way."

Boston Wins Over Yanks For Fourth Time, 15-13

PLEASANTVILLE, N. J., April 7.—(P)—Rookie Catcher Fred Walters banged out four hits in four trips to the plate today as the Boston Red Sox polished off the New York Yankees, 15 to 13, for the fourth time in seven meetings. Joe Cronin, Boston boss playing third base, was forced to retire in the fourth inning when struck on the wrist by a ball hit by George Stinnett.

PRO GRID TRADE

NEW YORK, April 7.—(P)—Boston of the National Football League, today traded Ed William Francklin, formerly of Catawba and Marshall college but now in the Marines, to the Pittsburgh Steelers for Alex Witzbicki, Holy Cross back now in the army.

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CAROLINA WHIPS WOLFPACK, 14-3 IN RATION LOOP

Tommy Andrews Hurls Nine Hit Ball For Chapel Hill Outfit

CHAPEL HILL, N. C., April 7.—(P)—North Carolina's Tar Heels opened their 1945 Ration League today by slugging out a 14-3 victory over N. C. State's Wolfpack on Emerson Field. Tommy Andrews, former Albe-marle legion star, went the route for the Tar Heels, holding the State batters to nine scattered hits and fanning eleven. The Hearmen got off to a quick start by tallying four runs in the opening stanza on Gregory's double, Frazier's single and four errors by the State infield. Fahey's three-run homer in the second inning put the Tar Heels comfortably in the lead.

State managed a run in the first on a walk, sacrifice bunt, and Wilson's single. The "Pack added another in the third on Wood's sharp single, followed by a one base hit by Richus. Their final tally came in the sixth when Wilson tripled to right and came in on a wild throw to the pitcher. A double by Chappell, singles by Gregory and Andrews, a brace of walks, and an error produced five runs in the third, driving Poltras from the mound. Two more runs in the eighth, on singles by Brassington and Fahey and an error, put the game on ice for the Tar Heels.

SOVIET SOLDIERS ENCIRCLE VIENNA

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 baum, eight miles west of Vienna, and cut the Vienna-Linz-Munich trunk railroad at that point, then cut back northeast in a 4-mile dash to the river. The drive also severed the Vienna-Prague railroad which passes through Klosterneuburg, four major highways and numerous lesser roads. With other Russians standing on the Danube north of Schenat at the southeastern edge of Vienna, the Germans' only chance of escape was across the five Danube bridges along the intervening gap. At Klosterneuburg the Soviets were only one mile from the second Vienna-Prague railroad and the parallel highway on the north bank of the river and in position to bar them completely. Besides this route, the only other railroads open to the Germans were an auxiliary line connecting eventually with Brno and the main Vienna-Brno railroad which hugs the west bank of the Morava. Russian columns at or across the Morava were dominating this route with their artillery.

Chances Dark
 None of the routes was more than six miles from Soviet guns and it appeared the Germans had no chance to evacuate their main garrison. Tolbukhin's troops entered Vienna on a four-mile front extending from Schwechat westward to Oberlaa, the Soviet communique revealed. On the southwest approaches of the city they captured the big suburb of Moedling, five miles from the Vienna limits. The Russian communique announced gains of as much as eight miles on a 50-mile front far to the northeast in the central Carpathians, where Gen. Andrei Yermenko's Fourth Ukrainian Army drove within 3 miles of Teschen (Cieszyn), the Germans' last big coal source.

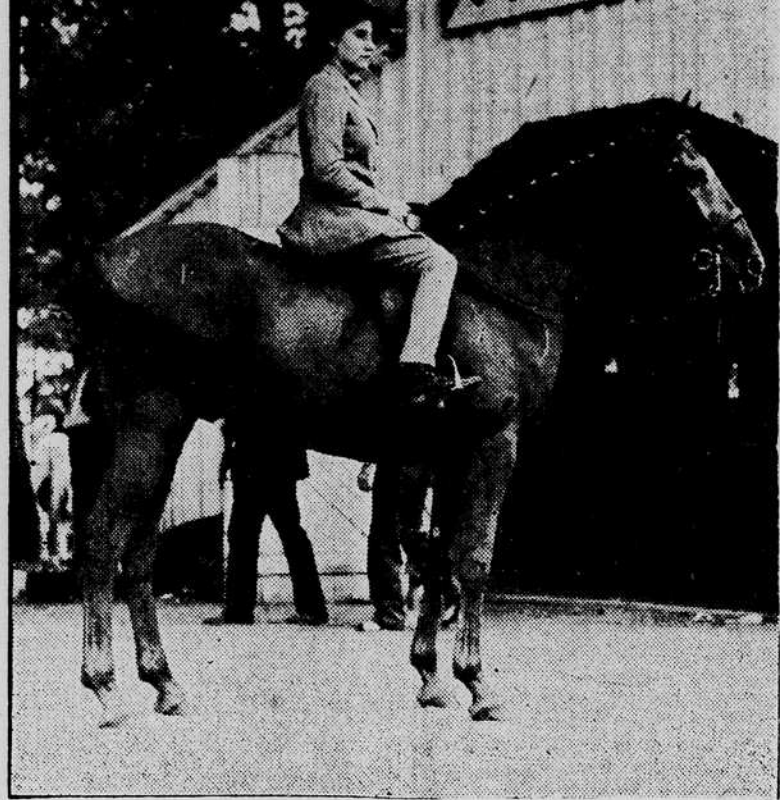
Second Ukrainian Army troops captured more than 60 Czechoslovak towns in line-straightening operations north and northeast of Bratislava. In Yugoslavia, the road junctions of Cavokve and Murkosredise, 54 and 6 miles north of Zagreb were captured. The Viennese radio said the city shook to the constant thunder and crash of Soviet explosives and civilians mobilized into the Volksturm rushed the work of turning every house and street into a defense position.

Two powerful Russian armies, the Third and Second Ukrainian, stormed Vienna from the west, south and southeast.

AMERICANS GAIN ON NEGROS ISLE

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 taining its daily devastation schedule, blasted Formosa's Kirium shipping base with 114 tons of bombs and poured 87 more onto Hong Kong's Kowloon dock. Clouds prevented estimates of damage at Kirium, but at Kowloon bombs created explosions and fires in an electric power plant and a large building in the supply area. Direct hits were reported on a tanker in Hong Kong harbor and at nearby Kaitan airdroms. A 3,000-ton freighter and several smaller freighters were severely damaged by other bombers ranging the south China sea. Two other small vessels were sunk east of Formosa. Medium bombers found a Japanese light cruiser in Soemba strait in the lesser sundas and scored two direct hits. MacArthur said the warship was either sunk or heavily damaged. Other Philippines-based aircraft strafed and bombed Nipponese shipping in the Macassar straits and the Celebes.

Will Operate Stables



Miss Emily Skinner, shown above on Sunwin, will operate the Magnolia Stables, at Highwood Park, in the future.

RICKEY DECIDES AGAINST NEGROES

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N. Y., April 7.—(P)—President Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers, watched two candidates from the Negro National League workout today and said he definitely was not interested in one, and said he believed he had at least three rookies better than the other.

Rickey said he "could not be interested in first baseman Dave Thomas if he were 24 years old instead of 34." Pitcher Terris McDuffie, 32 year old, drilled at the same time as Fred Claude Crocker, a rookie with Montreal, and Rickey declared in a statement after the tryout that "Crocker had more speed, better changes of pace, and far greater prospective ability for the Major leagues."

Crocker is 19 years old. "It must be remembered that McDuffie was under an unusual test because of newspaper publicity and the presence of a number control but he does not follow of baseball writers. He has good through on any delivery. It might take considerable time before he broke that habit," the Rickey statement continued.

Six Jap Warships, 417 Planes Destroyed

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 The Japanese surface force—representing probably about all that remained of the emperor's once proud combined fleets—was sighted heading into the east China sea from Nippon's inland sea bases by U. S. Fleet Air Wing one search craft before noon Saturday.

Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher immediately sent his carrier task force to intercept the Japanese. The carrier planes struck the Nippon force "during the middle of the day" only 50 miles southwest of Kyushu island, which is a part of the Japanese homeland. There was no air opposition over the Japanese ships—even that close to the heart of Nippon's empire—indicating the Nipponese had used all available aircraft in the heavy attack on Okinawa the previous day.

Swarming in from all directions, despite heavy gunfire from the ships, the American planes sent their deadly torpedoes and bombs into the hulls and decks of the Japanese force. The 45,000-ton Yamato — which the U. S. communique said was the "most powerful ship left in the Japanese navy"—went down belching smoke and fire from at least eight torpedo and eight heavy bomb hits.

Also sunk were a light Agano class cruiser, one other small light cruiser or large destroyer and three destroyers. Three other destroyers were left burning. "About three destroyers," the communique said, were all that escaped from the attack.

It added that in "minor contacts" prior to the main action, 30 Japanese planes were shot down. The U. S. carrier force aircraft had destroyed 245 enemy planes the previous day in resisting heavy Nipponese strikes along the Ryukyus. Nimitz announced that units of Mitscher's carrier force in the Saturday battle were commanded by Rear Adms. F. C. Sherman, A. W. Radford, G. F. Bogan and J. Clark.

Browns Capture 3-2 Thriller From Cards

ST. LOUIS, April 7.—(P)—Powered by home runs by Vernon Stephens and Lew Schulte, the American League champion St. Louis Browns came from behind today to win the first game of the city series from the World Champion St. Louis Cardinals, 3 to 2.

Schulte, rookie third baseman twice pulled the Browns back into the ball game by doubling home the tying run in the fourth inning and then homering to tie the score again in the seventh after the Cardinals took a brief lead. Stephens' four-bagger won the game in the eighth inning. Walker Cooper hit a single, double and triple in four attempts, driving in both Cardinal runs. Jack Creel was the losing pitcher, Tex Shirley the winner.

WHITE SOX WHIP TIGERS

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 7.—(P)—The Chicago White ox rattled Frank Overmire for a dozen blows to whip the Detroit Tigers, 6 to 4 in the opener of a four-game series here today. The Pale Hose had trimmed the Bengals 8-0 earlier in the week.

PRE-FLIGHT WINS DUKE TRACK MEET

CHAPEL HILL, N. C., April 7.—(P)—Capturing eight firsts and trying for another, North Carolina Navy Preflight defeated Duke's trackmen here today, 75-56 to 57-16, in the opening meet of the spring season for both teams.

Duke's Jim Larue, Sugar Bowl football star, took scoring honors for both teams, flashing out in front in the 100 and 220 yard dashes, and finishing in the runnerup spot in the broad jump. In field events, Frank Irwin gave the Blue Devils first places in the shot put and discus throw.

However, Coach Charlie Beetham fielded a well-balanced Pre-flight team that had too much all-around experience for the Dukesters. J. W. Daum was high man for the cadets with a first in the 220-yard high hurdles and a second in the 120 high hurdles.

Reich's Treasure Is Seized In Mine

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 did inspect the vast quantities of German, U. S. British and other currencies and the great crates of paintings and other art works.

One of the captured officials said the currency was particularly needed by the German army to meet payrolls and buy goods from Switzerland or Sweden, and that it could not be replaced because Allied bombings had smashed German engraving plants. The 90th's unusual haul came in quaint fashion. The division entered the little salt-mining village Thursday, knowing nothing of the cache. Last night two German women were found on the street after curfew. They explained to military police that they were looking for a midwife for a friend who was having a baby. During the course of the conversation the women mentioned that something of great value had been stored recently in the mine.

The Division already had found that Dr. Fritz Vieck, one of the eight directors of the Reichsbank, two other bank officials, and Dr. P. O. Kabe, curator of the German state museum were in Merkers. Division officers told the Germans to show up today at the mine for a treasure hunt. The Germans did so, and—once the secret was out—talked freely.

The booty in the mine comprised 100 tons of gold bullion (about \$100,000,000); three billion German marks, two million dollars in American currency, one hundred million French francs, 110,000 British pounds, four million Norwegian crowns and lesser amounts in Turkish pounds, Spanish pesetas and Portuguese escudos.

As a candidate for City Councilman I will advocate the expansion of the City Limits. Kingsley Lee King. Political Advt.

Nelson Leads Atlanta Group Seven Strokes; Finals Set For Today

HOMELESS TIGERS REMAIN A PROBLEM

NEW YORK, April 7.—(P)—The National Football League magnates, in the second session of their once-postponed annual meeting, devoted the better part of the day to discussing the fate of the homeless Brooklyn Tigers today without reaching any decision.

When the meeting recessed at 4:30 p.m. (EWT) in order to give Tim Mara, ailing head of the New York Giants, a breathing spell the Brooklyn problem apparently was no nearer a solution than it was this morning.

Meanwhile, the only news from the meeting was a minor trade of two players who were drawn in yesterday's draft. The Pittsburgh Steelers sent Alex Witzbicki, a bark from Holy Cross, to the Boston Yanks in exchange for William Ianicelli, an end who played for Catawba and Franklin and Marshall. Witzbicki is in the Army and Ianicelli in the Marines.

The delay in the solution of the Brooklyn problem apparently resulted from a stalemate in which Mara refused to waive territorial rights in order to let the Tigers play their home games in Yankee Stadium and the insistence of the former Brooklyn club upon getting such rights.

The question appeared to be whether it would be more desirable for the Giants to have a competitor for their own league just across the river or a member of one of the projected post-war leagues. By installing the Tigers in the stadium, the National League could deprive any other league of a good New York outlet, although the All-American conference club plans to use Triboro Stadium on Randall's Island.

Loa Klein Leads Curtis Bay To 12-4 Win Over A's

CURTIS BAY, Md., April 7.—(P)—Playing errorless ball, the Curtis Bay Coast Guard team today hung a 12-4 defeat on the Philadelphia Athletics.

It was the Guardsmen's field victory over the A's in four games. Curtis Bay got next to Don Black for 10 hits and a dozen runs in his six-inning appearance. Philadelphia's Carl Scheib finished the game, allowing only one hit. Four of Curtis Bay's tallies came on a grand slam homer by slugging Lou Klein. Hank Majeski punched out another four-baser.

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Sammy Byrd Still Second, Joe Kirkwood Takes Third Place With 209

ATLANTA, April 7.—(P)—Byron Nelson fired a 65 at the rest of the touring pros in the \$10,000 Iron Lung Golf Tournament and goes into the final round tomorrow with a seven-stroke lead over his nearest competitor, Sammy Byrd of Bedford, Mich.

Byrd finished the third round ahead of Nelson and posted a 66 for a total of 205, but that to the big Texas leader was just like waving a red flag at a bull. He rounded the turn with a 33 and then came down the back nine with a 32 for his 65 and a total of 198 for the 54 holes.

With his three first rounds in the sixties, Nelson was conceded a good chance to crack the record 264 for a 72 hole tournament set some years ago by Craig Wood, duration open champion. Nelson garnered six birdies in the round and went over par on two holes. When he drove more than 300 yards on No. 7 the ball came to rest in a ditch. His putter was working flawlessly and he one-putted eight greens.

Byrd was almost as good, only the muffing of a one-foot putt on the 14th hole keeping him from carding a 65. Both were making 20-foot putts look easy all day and Nelson canned one 45-footer.

Joe Kirkwood, the Philadelphia golfer who has been amazing the golf world for years with his trick shot exhibitions, continued to show his heels to most of the other "play for pay boys" and was by himself in third place tonight with 209. He shot a neat one under par 68 today.

Sammy Sneed, winner of six winter tournaments to seven for Nelson, finally cracked par with a 66 and was in the fourth spot with 210. Joe Zarhardt of Morris-town, Pa., was fifth with 211. He shot a 70 today.

Harold (Jug) McSpaden of Sanford, Me., also was one under par in the third round and was tied with several others at 212.

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GALLETA DEFENDS PINEHURST TITLE

PINEHURST, April 7.—(P)—Ma Galletta of St. Albans Long Island, has arrived at Pinehurst to defend his battle in the North South golf tournament which begins Monday with an 18-hole qualifying round.

But the pre-tournament favorite is Ed Furgol of Detroit and Unea, N. Y., who has consistently finished among the leaders in the cross country winter tour of the top professional players.

Match play will begin Tuesday and run through Friday in the tournament, which in the past has been won by a number of national amateur kings, including Walter Travis, Chick Evans, Francis Ouimet, and George T. Dunlap, Jr. Dunlap, seven times North and South Champion between 1931 and 1942, has not competed in the last two tournaments, sticking close to his job in a New York war plant.

The North and South amateur has been played continuously since 1901. One of the outstanding candidates among the Pinehurst regulars in the 45th renewal of the event is James T. Hunter of North Adams, Mass., the present unwhistle champion.

Others expected to qualify for the championship flight include Sam Graham of Greenwich, Conn., Robert A. Stranahan of Toledo, Robert S. Tufts of Pinehurst, Captain Alex Roberts of Old Greenwich, Conn., Bill Cozart of Durham, N. C., John B. Ryerson of Cooperstown, N. Y., and Dr. R. L. Pittman of Fayetteville, N. C.

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