

# Sports Roundup

**By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.**  
NEW YORK, April 14.—(P)—The scores of the first three games of the Stanley cup hockey playoff finals were 1-0, 2-0 and 1-0. That seems to show that in spite of the emphasis on high scoring, also that the playoff system isn't so silly, after all. It was evident that the Leafs had a strong defense, but during the regular season they played the open game the fans like and finished third. . . Tom Gallery, New assistant to President Larry MacPhail of the Yankees, never missed a hunting or fishing season for 15 years. During the past ten years he has neither hunted nor fished. "I had to settle down and look after a job," he explains. . . and now how about a Yankee job for John McDonald?

### ONE-MINUTE SPORTS PAGE

Herman Wehmeier, the Reds' 13-year-old rookie pitcher, has returned to finish his high school studies in Cincinnati but will join the club at Crosley Field on Saturdays and Sundays. . . Radio man George Lewis has organized the "gag" writers protective association which will sponsor a columnists vs. Comedians softball series for the Red Cross. Wonder if that means you have to gag 'em to get them to play? . . A Denver grand jury has found Merchants park, the city's only real ball park "dilapidated, dangerous and unsightly" and has recommended that it be rebuilt or torn down. . .

### SERVICE DEPT.

Former collegiate "enemies," Maj. John Krieger, Cornell baseball star of the late 20's, and Capt. Ray Barbuti, Syracuse football Ace and printer of the same era, are working together with the "Earthquakers" bombardment group in Burma. . . The Groton, Conn., Coast Guard station has the makings of a good baseball team in Charley Osgood, property of the Cubs; Red Branch and Aaron Robinson of the Yankees and Francis Red Walsh of the Red Sox chain.

### PUTTING HIM RIGHT

During the Utah State High school basketball tournament final, Joe Weight, Promo's all-state center, quickly accumulated four fouls and was taken out to cool off for a minute. . . re-entering the game, Joe forgot to report and the referees promptly called a technical foul because "I had to settle down and look after a job," he explains. . . "But I'm not a substitute," protested Weight. "I'm a regular."

## Thalian Grappling Card Will Feature Four Gals

Well, it looks as though Promoter Causey has finally hit the proverbial jack-pot.

Next week's Thalian Hall bouts will feature four females in the ring at the same time.

When those four get together in a tag team match Friday night, they definitely won't be talking about new hats or playing bridge. Rather than that it will probably be a matter of seeing whose hair can stand the most pulling, whose bones can stand the most bending and whose shoulders will be pinned to the mat first.

In short, Mr. Causey has gone plumb off the well beaten path and bluffed out a bout to end bouts. In one corner will be Violet Valentine, Mobile, Alabama, the wrestling pride, and Ann Miller, the pretty little Miss from Baltimore, who failed to unveil the "Mysterious Miss Red" last Friday night. Local fans have come to like Miss Miller, and most think that "The Lady in Red" should have been disqualified by Referee Coffield Friday for kicking.

Opposing Misses Miller and Valentine will be the "rough and ready" Nell Stewart, and the old ruffian in person, "Mysterious Miss Red". This is to be the main event, and the time limit will be two out of three falls, or one hour and fifteen minutes.

The supporting bout will be announced later in the week.



Miss Nell Stewart

### Phillies, A's To Play Exhibition Game Today

PHILADELPHIA, April 14.—(P)—Philadelphia's two major league clubs, the Athletics and the Phillies, will play a pre-season exhibition game here tomorrow. The teams had originally scheduled a two-game series, starting today, but the first game was cancelled because of the death and funeral services of President Roosevelt.



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## COOPER BROTHERS WANT MORE CASH FROM CARDINALS

### Mort, Walker Refuse To Play Unless Salary Is Boosted To \$15,000

ST. LOUIS, April 14.—(P)—Morton and Walker Cooper, baseball's outstanding brother battery, today told President Sam Breadon of the St. Louis Cardinals he would have to increase their 1945 salaries to \$15,000 each or they would not go to Chicago for the season's opener Tuesday.

Both players recently signed contracts for \$12,000, the club's ceiling salary under the 1943 wage stabilization act. The Coopers said their grievance is based on an increase in salary over the club's ceiling given their shortstop Marfy Marion. "After Marion had been signed Mr. Breadon offered to increase our salary," Walker Cooper said. "He offered us \$13,500, which he said was more than he had paid Marion. "But we're holding out for \$15,000. We've written to the National Ford Frick (of the National League) telling him about our stand and asking for his advice."

"Unless we get what we are asking we don't intend to go to Chicago with the club Monday night. If he can ask the board (WLB) to tilt to \$13,500 he might as well ask it to tilt to \$15,000. You know you have to make your money over just a few years in baseball."

Breadon said he had told Walker no player on the club would receive more than he did. "Marion felt he was entitled to an increase and I felt he was justified in his opinion and asked him to sign a contract increasing the salary above the 'ceiling,' conditioned upon the approval of the Internal Revenue Department," Breadon said in a statement. "I immediately called them (the Coopers) to my office and told them I had increased Marion's salary over the ceiling, and I offered them the same contract as Marion had received. Their reply was that they had signed for \$12,000 and they would not sign a new contract unless I made it \$15,000. I felt the club had been fair in offering an increase after they had signed their contracts."

### Shaw Named Football Coach At California

BERKELEY, Calif., April 14.—(P)—Appointment of Lawrence T. "Buck" Shaw, as head football coach of the University of California was announced today by Clint W. Evans, general manager of athletics. The appointment is for an indefinite period. Shaw, considered one of the finest tacticians in the gridiron sport, served as head coach at the University of Santa Clara from 1936 until the school abandoned football for the year duration in 1942. He is a graduate of Notre Dame where he is ranked as one of the all-time star tackles, playing under Knute Rockne from 1919 through 1921.

### Skycracker Track Team Defeats N. C. Preflight

ATLANTA, April 14.—(P)—Georgia's Navy Preflight trackmen won their second dual meet of the season today, in defeating North Carolina Navy Preflight squad 75 to 57. Warren Southard, was high point man for the Georgia Navy, with 10 points for firsts in the 100 and 220 yard dashes, and was tied for high point honors by North Carolina's Daum who placed first in the 220 low and 120 yard hurdles.

### Kurusu Predicts Hard Road For New President

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.—(P)—The special Japanese diplomatic envoy who was in Washington on a "peace" mission when the Japanese staged their sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, was quoted by the agency Domei today as predicting difficulties for President Harry S. Truman. A Domei radio Tokyo broadcast quoted Saburo Kurusu, the diplomat, as saying the new president "hasn't Roosevelt's ability to lead and control the American people and thereby will confront difficulties." Kurusu presumed that it is President Truman's determination "to fight Japan to the bitter end and we, too, will fight to the end." Domei also said Japan's new premier, Adm. Baron Kantaro Suzuki had extended "profound sympathy" to the American people on the death of President Roosevelt.

### HOLIDAY PROPOSED

WASHINGTON, April 14.—(P)—Designation of January 30, birthday of the late President Roosevelt, as a national holiday was proposed in legislation drafted today by Rep. Gallagher (D-Minn). Gallagher also called for creation of a national shrine at the Warm Springs, Ga., cottage—the "Little White House"—where Mr. Roosevelt died.

### CANCEL PRACTICE

WILSON, April 14.—(P)—The Norfolk Tars of the Piedmont League cancelled their scheduled spring training practice today out of respect to President Roosevelt. The Tars will open their exhibition season tomorrow, playing an all-star team Johnny Nee, New York Yankee scout, arrived last night to look over the squad of youngsters.

### Now On Okinawa



Commander Jack Dempsey (holding rifle), former world champion heavyweight boxer, rides a Coast Guard landing craft ashore at Okinawa Island a few hours after the invasion was begun. The former ring champ is an officer in the Coast Guard.

## American Association Starts Play Wednesday

COLUMBUS, O., April 14.—(P)—The American Association — it's eight clubs pronounced in the best shape since they started spring training in the North—opens its 44th season Wednesday amid predictions of a wide open race for the league title. Last year Milwaukee copped the pennant by a seven-game margin over second place Toledo, the Brewers disposed of a flock of their stars and the dope from the spring training camps has indicated Toledo and Louisville, in particular, are in a position to make a rugged contest of Milwaukee's bid for a third straight pennant.

League President George M. Trautman, who visited most of the training camps, expressed optimism today over the league's prospects in this fourth season of World War II baseball. "All American Association clubs have on their rosters players who have established themselves as double A performers," he said. "In addition, all clubs have promising youngsters and it is possible that before the season is very old some of these newcomers will have established themselves as future stars." Only three of the managers open the season in the same jobs they held at the finish of the 1944 campaign. They are Harry Liebold who directed Louisville to the 1944 Shaughnessy playoffs title; Ray Blades, whose St. Paul team finished fourth a year ago, and Ollie Marquardt at Toledo.

### RIFLE CLUBS WILL COMPETE MONDAY

Teams representing the Lake Forest and Cape Fear Rifle Clubs, senior marksmanship units chartered by the National Rifle Association and the War Department, will meet in shoulder-to-shoulder competition Monday night, for the benefit of the Old Clothing drive. Edmund McLaurin, official instructor for the two clubs, announced last night.

Firing will be on the Cape Fear club's indoor range, located in the Raleigh building in Maffitt Village, an 18th course of fire will consist of 20 shots, slow-fire, from the prone and sitting positions. Official 50-foot N. R. A. targets will be used. Members of both clubs will bring articles of old clothing to the range Monday night, and the winning club will make the donation to the clothing drive. McLaurin said that he had made a tentative selection of the team personnel, and that each team would represent the 12 best riflemen from each club, with firing to

## HARRIDGE VISIONS SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR BIG LEAGUES

### American League President Says Competition Is Baseball's Foundation

CHICAGO, April 14.—(P)—Baseball this week will open a season which will rank as one of the most notable in the history of the game. For the very opening of a fourth consecutive war-time campaign stands as a remarkable tribute to the fans of our national sport, both at home and abroad. It is because of their steadfast interest and loyalty that the game will open its 1945 season, meet as best it can the many problems which will arise, and, I am confident, again put on a worthy show. At this time, the American League has almost 260 of its players in the armed services. Others will join the Colors in the months to come. Since Pearl Harbor, most of the game's greatest stars have left the playing field, yet interest in the sport remains as great as ever.

The American League season of 1944, when attendance showed a remarkable increase over the previous year, proved competition still is the foundation of baseball and that there is no substitute for a close, hard-fought pennant race. I have every reason to believe that we will have an equally close fight for the pennant in 1945. During the past three seasons, several million servicemen and women enjoyed baseball as the guests of the 16 major league clubs, and well over a million will watch our games this summer. At the present time, hundreds of thousands of our fighters in all parts of the world are seeing the American League's motion picture of the 1944 world series. Reports from overseas show that the broad-casting of scores and details of the pennant battles has forged a real link between home and the many far-flung bases of our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen the world over.

Baseball hopes to hold that link again in 1945, for the constant interest and support of our national game by its "fighting fans" have been a major factor in the game's continuance. Bill Burwell, who formerly managed Louisville, now is at Indianapolis, succeeded Mike Kelley, who has stepped in for Wilfred (Rosy) Ryan at Minneapolis. The start of the season also finds the league able to boast again that it still has the same eight cities with which it was founded in 1902. The only break in that lineup occurred in 1914 and 1915 when the Toledo franchise was moved to Cleveland.

In the 43 previous seasons, each of the eight original members have won at least one pennant. St. Paul leads with eight flags, followed by Columbus with seven, Louisville, Minneapolis and Kansas City with six each, Milwaukee with five, Indianapolis with four and Toledo with one. Minneapolis is the only city which never has finished last.

### Georgia Tech Wins Over Carolina In Track Meet

ATLANTA, April 14.—(P)—Georgia Tech, defending Southeastern Conference champion, defeated North Carolina's Tar Heels in track today, 84 1-4 to 46 3-4. Bob Seligman, Brooklyn, N. Y., won first places for Tech in the shot put and discus events. For North Carolina, C. T. Mangum of Washington, D. C. took the high hurdles and broad jump. Tech scored slams in the 220-yard dash, the shot put and the pole vault, while North Carolina took all three places in javelin hurling.

### ELECTED PRESIDENT

CHAPEL HILL, April 14.—(P)—Clifton Britton, dramatic director of the Goldsboro High school, was elected president of the Carolina Dramatic Association for the coming year at a business session of the group at the Carolina Inn today. start promptly at 7:30 o'clock. All firing will be done with .22 cal. rifles of military type.

## Big Bill Steinecke Sent To Kansas City

### NEW YORK, April 14.—(P)—The New York Yankees sent a pattery to each of their class AA farms today, shipping Catcher Bill Steinecke and Pitcher Johnny Moore to Kansas City and Catcher Bob Collins and Pitcher Karl Drews to Newark.

Collins, who has not returned this spring, was released outright to the Bears. The others were released on option. Frank Crossetti, veteran shortstop, joined the club in a two-hour workout today for the first time. The drill was watched by Manager Joe McCarthy, absent four days because of illness.

## BILL NICHOLSON REPORTS TO CUBS

CHICAGO, April 14.—(P)—Long-awaited Bill Nicholson, the boom-man of the Chicago Cubs' attack, reported to Manager Charley Grimm today and promptly was assigned to the Bruin cleanup spot for the season opener against the St. Louis Cardinals here Tuesday. Outfielder Nicholson, who last season led the National League in home runs (33), runs batted in (210), and runs scored (118), informed Grimm he was in tip-top shape. The rugged slugger, whose presence definitely stamps the Cubs as a threat to the Champion Cardinals, said he had worked out with the Philadelphia Phillies in Wilmington, Del., whenever he could get away from his job at a war plant near Chestertown, Md., his home town. The finals are set for April 23. Rericha said Welby Van Hook, who was a winner in both events last year, will defend his titles. Richard Skeen, runner-up in the singles, also is an entry.

## England Whips Scots, 6-1, In Rugby Game

GLASGOW, April 14.—(P)—England defeated Scotland, 6-1, in an international football game today before a tremendous wartime crowd of 133,000 in Hampden park. The teams were tied 1-1 half-time but England's crack forwards shook loose in the last half to score five times and register England's sixth successive triumph over Scotland in the international series.

## Virginia Is Victorious Over Wolfpack Trackmen

CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va., April 14.—(P)—Virginia's powerful track team opened its season here today with a smashing 108 1-6 to 75-6 victory over North Carolina State. The Cavaliers took all 14 firsts, 12 seconds, and in eight events swept all three places.

### WILL RESTRICT MEAT

NEW YORK, April 14.—(P)—Capt. Robert McFadden of the quarter-master general's office, said today that fresh meat for enemy prisoners of war henceforth would be restricted to hearts, livers and kidneys.

## JOHNSON TO OPEN BIG LEAGUE PLAY WITH DEDICATION

### 'Big Train' Will Honor The Memory Of President Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, April 14.—(P)—Walter Johnson is coming back to the field of his great pitching triumphs to help dedicate Monday's baseball opener to the memory of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. At his farm near Gaithersburg, Md., Johnson today accepted an invitation to participate in the flag-raising ceremonies just before the New York Yankees meet Washington's Senators in the 1945 inaugural. "I'm getting that old feeling again," Johnson said, adding that he wants to see what wartime's fourth baseball season will be like. Johnson probably pitched more opening games than any other man in the game's history 15 or all—so he'll feel right at home Monday's setting. Now 57, Johnson recalled that his first opening-day performance was before President William Howard Taft in 1910. With two exceptions, he went right on pitching the Capital's traditional curtain-raiser through 1926.

## North-South Net Play Will Open On April 25

PINEHURST, April 14.—(P)—The annual North-South professional tennis championships will open April 25. Frank Rericha, executive secretary of the United States Professional Association, announced today. The finals are set for April 29. Rericha said Welby Van Hook, who was a winner in both events last year, will defend his titles. Richard Skeen, runner-up in the singles, also is an entry.

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