

# The Sports Trail

By WHITNEY MARTIN

NEW YORK, June 25.—(AP)—We're going to have to take a closer look at some of these ball players. We have an idea they are developing rabbit ears. The rabbits wouldn't like that.

A rabbit eared player is one with an adjustable wave length so he can tune in on everything that is said about him, or around him, or to him. There might be 10,000 fans roaring out in the bleachers, but if there is one little pip-squeak voice mentioning his name his ears will come to attention like a terrier hearing its master's footsteps.

The St. Louis Browns are the latest to show this tendency to catch all pertinent sounds before they have a chance to fall. Fall on deaf ears, you might say.

The Browns heard more than they wanted to hear, particularly from a White Sox catcher named Karl Scheel, and as a result there was a Pier 6 brawl, and after the brawl was over Scheel was a little the worse for wear.

We don't know what words Scheel used in riding the Browns that brought their tempers to the boiling point. Maybe if we did know we couldn't repeat them in print. They must have been strung together pretty well, though, to arouse such primitive instincts among the American League champions.

Whether the attack on Scheel was justified or not we can't say, but one thing we have noticed when a team or an individual is the aggressor in physical assault.

That is, it almost invariably is the team or individual against whom the breaks seem to be going. They're getting their ears pinned back, in other words, and just can't take it.

The Browns were losing the game in which the brawl took place, and the Browns have been losing a lot of other games. So many, in fact, that the boys, favored in many quarters to repeat as flag winners, were pretty much on edge.

You seldom hear of a winning team or individual athlete getting upset by what is said to it, or him. Remarks that are downright vicious can be laughed off by the lads in the driver's seat.

But sometimes even the most even tempers snap under adversity, so maybe the Browns shouldn't be condemned. Even the Yankees, who sailed along serenely when things were going their way, began to snarl and snap when the going began to get rough last year.

Had the Browns been five games out in front, and winning the particular game that saw the Scheel fireworks, it isn't beyond the realm of imagination to picture them as ignoring the heckling White Sox catcher.

The Browns may have let themselves in for a lot more of the Scheel treatment by their uprising, as the other clubs know now they are vulnerable. Their best bet would seem to be to adopt ear plugs as standard equipment.

## The Sports Patrol

### From Hayseed To Racing Is History Of Valentine

By OSCAR FRALEY (T. M. Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.) United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, June 25.—(AP)—J. Alfred Valentine, a one-time dishwasher and office boy who almost became a clergyman, is the man you can credit tonight for shaking the hayseed out of harness racing and putting it on a big business basis. Valentine is one of our American millionaires. But you'll never meet a nicer one than this quiet, gray-haired fellow with the slow smile and the fast dollar when it comes to sports.

The 55-year-old sportsman is the man responsible for gearing the country-fair sulky game to a metropolitan tempo while still keeping much of the game's old-time color and customs. It wasn't easy at first, back in 1940, when he set about his task and the exigencies of war made it even more difficult. In 1941, fortunately, Valentine had the wherewithal in his jeans and he stuck to his guns.

Valentine shifted to Empire City in 1943 and last year restrictions eased enough so that he could return to Roosevelt raceway in Westbury, L. I. The sport finally clicked there and in 78 nights last season drew 673,431 cash customers who wagered \$15,832,738—a new all-time high for crowd and handle.

This season opened with a decided bang, the average attendance running from 8,500 to 9,000 and a \$285,000 nightly betting average. June 16 a crowd of 14,000 laid \$396,810 on the line for a new all-time record harness racing handle.

The reason behind it all is Valentine. His night racing provides everything the customer wants—and comfortably. There is plenty of parking space, the lighting is splendid, the grandstand is spacious and—believe it or not—the fans are treated cordially by the help.

That's a precedent set by the boss, who once washed dishes for \$3 a week before becoming an office boy for the late Clarence MacKay, the telegraph tycoon. He remained with MacKay until he was 21 and then decided to be a clergyman, but left a theological seminary to marry his childhood sweetheart.

Of farm stock, Valentine managed his father's acres for a while and then moved into the real estate and insurance field. The country youth erected some 1,800 homes, and the swanky Wheatley Hills Golf Club, and soon found his pockets a jangle. Now he's president of the Mineola First National Bank and president of the Queens-Nassau Agriculture Society, which runs the famed Mineola fair.

He has two sons in service, Capt. Alfred of the Air Corps and Lt. Richard with the Navy in the Pacific, and a daughter, Barbara Jane, recently graduated from Smith college. And this full family life and those early hardships combine to make him a democratic millionaire.

He knows every Roosevelt race-day employ by his first name and many of them have been guests at his home. For they are the people he counts on to boost the sulky game into one of the major post-war sports. And at the rate it is going, it's six, two and even that the farmyard frolic is in the shadow of New York's skyscrapers to stay.

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## PAVOT, POLYNESIA CARRY TOP WEIGHT

BOSTON, June 25.—(AP)—Pavot, last season's two-year old champion, and the Preakness winning Polynesian were assigned top weight of 126 pounds today for the Fourth of July running of the \$25,000 added Yankee Handicap at Suffolk Downs.

The pair topped a lineup of 50 three-year-old stars named for the 11th running of the stake over a mile and three sixteenths.

Walter M. Jefford's Pavot, a disappointment in the earlier racing this season after a sensational 1942 performance, leaped back into the national thoroughbred picture when he won the Belmont Stakes last Saturday.

Polynesian, Mrs. P. A. B. Widener's star, became one of the outstanding contenders for national three-year-old honors by its Preakness and Withers victories.

This year's running of the Yankee Cap drew perhaps the fanciest field in years with Mrs. W. G. Lewis' Darby Dieppe and C. V. Whitney's Jeep rated as the horses to beat. Darby Dieppe finished third in both the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness.

In his last time out, Jeep was forced to accept third in the Belmont to Pavot and Wildlife but still rates as a contender by virtue of his victory in a division of the Wood Memorial.

Hoop Jr., the Derby winner, was an early nominee, but was declared out because of a bowed tendon. Rating a chance and considered the New England standard bearer in the holiday race will be Mrs. Weston W. Adams' Kewey Dee which ran in show position in last Saturday's \$5,000 Constitution Handicap at Suffolk Downs.

## DUKE ANNOUNCES FOOTBALL CARD

DURHAM, June 25.—(AP)—Duke University's football team will play both the Army and the Navy next fall.

The Blue Devils' 1945 schedule, announced today, lists six other games, including four with Southern Conference opponents.

The Naval Academy teams will play here October 6 and Duke will engage the West Point Cadets at New York city October 27.

The schedule: Sept. 22—South Carolina here; Sept. 29—Camp Lejeune here; Oct. 6—Navy here; Oct. 13—Wake Forest at Wake Forest; Oct. 20—permanently open Oct. 27—Army at New York Nov. 3—Georgia Tech at Atlanta Nov. 10—North Carolina State at Durham; Nov. 17—pending; Nov. 24—North Carolina at Durham.

The Blue Devils, last year's Southern conference and Sugar Bowl champions, are considering several opponents for the November 17 date.

Duke will meet Army, 1944 National champions, at New York for the second straight year and the Navy will make its first trip to Durham. Duke lists a 7-0 decision to the Tars in 1944 and lost 14-13 the previous year, both games being played in Baltimore.

N. C. State will return to the Duke schedule after a one year's absence.

Coach Eddie Cameron said he expected only a half dozen lettermen back from last year's squad which defeated Alabama 29-26 in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans.

## U. S. Golfers Compete In British Tournament

BOURNEMOUTH, England, June 25.—(AP)—One hundred and 75 U. S. Army golfers will tee off tomorrow in the first round of a 36-hole medal play tournament to determine the champion of the United Kingdom base section.

Play will be divided into two sections with the amateurs in one and the pros in the other. The five low men in each group will be eligible for the theater championships later this fall.

Horton Smith, ranking U. S. pro now in the Army and playing exhibition matches in the London area, will not compete.

Among the pre-tourney favorites in the amateur division are Capt. Roland Schwartz of Chicago, who was champion of the Southshore Country Club in 1938 and 1939; Cpl. Mike Dietz of Detroit; Cpl. Vincent Sangster of New York City; Capt. William Stembler of Miami, Fla.; and Cpl. Lloyd G. Brugger of Philadelphia, who toured the course in two-below par yesterday.

## Racing Officials Ask Permission For Move

NEW YORK, June 25.—(AP)—The New York State Racing association said today that officials of aqueduct track had asked permission to transfer their July 4 program to Belmont Park. A decision will be made Wednesday.

The aqueduct stands can handle only 11,000 spectators while those at Belmont, surrounded by a vast park, hold 17,500.

The \$50,000 Brooklyn handicap for three-year olds and up at a mile and a quarter is the main attraction of the holiday bill.

**BRECKNER KILLED**  
REDLANDS, Calif., June 25.—(AP)—Gary Breckner, sports announcer and master of ceremonies for the Frank Morgan radio show, died today of injuries suffered in a Sunday night automobile accident.

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## Back At The Same Old Stand



After four years in Army, Captain Hank Greenberg returns to Detroit to resume baseball career with league-leading Tigers. Hank hopes to prove that at 34 he can still make that long ball. The big slugger seems happy, and no wonder—his salary starts where it left off, at \$55,000 per season!

## Gerald Walker Is Hoping To Enter 2,000-Hit Club

CINCINNATI, June 25.—Some fine day next month, Gerald Holmes Walker, fiery right fielder for the Cincinnati Reds, will slap out a safe hit and thereby enter the exclusive "2,000-hit club" for major leaguers.

The unpredictable "Gee Gee," who plays baseball as though he received his tutoring in Brooklyn, had 1,964 hits to his credit June 22. He will be the 81st major leaguer to have reached the two-grand mark.

The 37-year-old fly catcher is playing his fourth season for Cincinnati and has established himself as the "darling" of the right above stealing second base while another Cincinnati player is roosting there.

He is easily the most colorful player on the otherwise conservative ball club. Pop flies in his direction, which most managers would consider an "automatic out," have an air of uncertainty about them. Walker might fall down, or he might lose the ball in the sun or the glare of the lights. These thoughts race through Manager Bill McKechnie's brain everytime the ball is hit to right field.

But then, most of the aggressiveness and color that can be attributed to the Reds is packed in Walker's 188-pound frame.

Once Walker gets on base there is never a dull moment for the opposing pitcher. Quite often, he is caught flatfooted out on the basepath when he should have been standing on the bag, but more frequently he pulls up with a stolen base to his credit.

Since coming to Cincinnati in 1942, Walker has increased his batting average yearly. In that year he hit .230; the next year .245; in '44 it was .278, and right now he's hovering around the .300-mark.

## CUCCHINELLO STILL LEADING HITTERS

CHICAGO, June 25.—(AP)—The baseball season is pushing toward the halfway mark and still venerable Tony Cuccinello, Chicago White Sox third baseman, merrily swings along as the junior circuit's No. 1 hitter with a .342 average.

It's getting to the point where the rest of the league's sluggers are taking turns trying to overhaul the consistent "Cooch," who slumped five points last week but holds the lead by 15 points over George Case of the Washington Senators.

Case surged nine points to .327 during the week to wrest the runner-up spot from Nick Etten of the New York Yankees, who dropped eight points to a third-place .320.

Meanwhile, Bob Estella of the Philadelphia Athletics nose-dived 24 points from third to seventh with .297. Official statistics for games played through Sunday showed Bob Johnson of the Boston Red Sox in fourth place with .314, while Vern Stephens of St. Louis, banging 11 hits in 22 trips, made the week's best show—a 24-point climb to fifth with .312.

Other leaders: George Stirnweiss of New York, .308; Roger Cramer, Detroit's 39-year-old outfielder, .292; and Jimmy Outlaw of the Tigers and Johnny Dickshot of the White Sox, .286 each.

## Masonboro Will Meet Wallace On Home Field

The Masonboro Ramblers, who dropped an eleven inning thriller Sunday afternoon to the strong Southport Coast Guards, 4-3, will meet Wallace tomorrow afternoon on the Masonboro home field at 3:30 p.m.

Manager Frank Manor will probably start Howard Pepper on the mound. The rest of the Ramblers' lineup will be as follows: Vic James at third, James Croom at short stop, Richard Farrar in center field, Amos Carter in left field, Dan George or Burney Covington catching, James Todd at first, Lee Bass at second, Johnnie Kirkham in left field.

## Tilden Win First Match In National Pro Tourney

NEW YORK, June 25.—(AP)—Bill Tilden, one-time amateur champion of the tennis world, moved into the second round of the National Pro Championship by default today when Jan Cozolo of Woodmere, N. Y., failed to appear.

Welby Van Horn of Atlanta, Ga., expected to annex the title, breezed through his first round foe with the loss of a game, downing Danny Lee of New York, 6-0, 6-0.

Other early results today: Herman Petersen of Hollywood, defeated Lester Cummings of Greenwich, Conn., 6-2, 6-0.

George Lytleton Rogers, New York, defeated Ted Rericha, Stamford, Conn., 6-1, 6-0.

Sam Shore, New York, defeated Martin Meth, Pinehurst, N. C., 6-0, 6-0.

# Ohio State Takes Honors In Collegiate Golf Meet

## PIRATES, DAVIS PLAY NEXT WEEK

Last night's scheduled game between the Wilmington Pirates and Camp Davis was rained out. The contest will be played next Monday night, according to an announcement made by Bert Kite, manager of the Buccaneers.

Kite also said he has booked the Camp Lejeune Marines for Wednesday night at Legion stadium. The game will be called at 8:30 o'clock. This will be the second meeting of the two clubs. The Pirates defeated the Leathernecks, 14 to 9 in the last encounter.

Wednesday night's contest will see Phil Roy, star hurler of the Marines on the mound. Fans will remember Roy as the lad who hurled the last inning for the Camp Lejeune club in the previous game. He showed plenty of speed and control in the lone stanza he worked.

The Camp Lejeune lineup will be selected from the following players, Embler, Owens, Terry, Morgan, Kueab, Ziober, Gibboni, Hildebrand, Phillips, Crosley and Roy.

The local manager did not mention his pitcher for the game, either Louis Cheshire or Johnny Wilbourne will get the assignment and the remainder of the lineup will be as usual.

A large crowd is expected to witness the Marine-Pirate game.

## NYU Announces '45' Grid Card

NEW YORK, June 25.—(AP)—New York University today announced a seven-game 1945 football schedule opening Oct. 5 against Temple at Philadelphia and closing Nov. 17 against Rutgers at New Brunswick.

The rest of the schedule: Oct. 12, Boston College, away; 30, CCNY, home; 27, Brooklyn, home, Nov. 3, Rochester, home, and 10, Lehigh, home.

## QUEENS HANDICAP WON BY VETERAN

NEW YORK, June 25.—(AP)—Olympic Zenith, William Helis' veteran which had been unable to regain the promising form he showed as a three-year-old, scored his first victory in 16 months today when he won the \$10,000-added Queens County handicap, opening day feature of the 18-day Aqueduct meeting here.

Jockey Conn McCreary, likewise coming out of a slump, held the four-year-old Olympic Zenith in third place from the quarter and whipped him into the lead a hundred yards from the wire. Olympic Zenith negotiated the mile and a sixteenth in 1:45-3-5. His backers in the inaugural day crowd of 29,729 received \$13.50 for \$2.

Stymie, coupled with Haile as Mrs. Ethel D. Jacobs' favored entry, moved up from fourth nearing the finish to whip his stablemate for second. Stymie was two lengths behind the winner and another three in front of Haile. Swimmin Hole held a wide margin of five and then six lengths through most of the 40th running of the fixture, but faded to finish fourth.

Eddie Ararco, king of the year's handicap riders, was second in on Stymie, but booted in Walter Jefford's Ace Card in the secondary \$5,000 Takalon for fillies. He opened the seven race program with Big Party, \$4.60, and completed a triple with Art of War, \$10.10, in the final event.

Arlington Park likewise opened its summer meeting, with the veteran Zacapat capturing the \$5,000 Spokane, a seven furlong test for three-year-olds and up. The H. J. Damm campaigner led all the way, holding a three length margin most of the sprint, and covered the strip in 1:29 flat. He paid \$5.20 for \$2.

Full Cry was second at the quarter, dropped back at the half and came back again in the stretch to take place honors over Sameron.

Sandy Trail registered his first triumph in four starts in 1945 by winning war relief purse number five at Delaware Park.

T. Leatherbury's four-year-old grandson of Bull Dog stepped the mile and a sixteenth in 1:45 3-5 to reward his backers with \$18.30, \$9.40 and \$5.80 across the board.

Astral and Red Cin were second and third in the event which carried a purse of \$2,500 plus \$1,250 in War Bonds.

Broke Even completed a double for Jockey Johnny Breen at Suffolk Downs by annexing the \$2,500 hub purse at Suffolk Downs. A crowd of 15,557 was on hand to see Morris Wexler's four-year-old Bay Colt take the lead from Cactus Foot in the stretch and go the mile and an eighth in 1:51 4-5 to pay \$8.80, Toolmaker and Cactus Foot ran two-three.

Breen also won with Shavo, \$3.60, in the second race.

## LEAGUE LEADING TEAMS AT HOME

NEW YORK, June 25.—(AP)—Brooklyn and Detroit, both hotter than a policeman's feet in July and leading their respective leagues, get the benefits of their home baseball parks for the next two weeks.

There was no action in the big leagues today and only two games are booked for tomorrow as the Western National league clubs travel East and the Eastern American loop squads hurry west.

During the three-week intrasession series that got under way on June 5 Brooklyn won 16 of 19 games and bounded from fourth to first place in the National league. The "Ferocious Gentlemen" from Brooklyn now are three and a half games in front of the second place St. Louis Cardinals.

In the same period Detroit hopped from second to first in the American circuit by winning 15 of 21 and built up a cushion of one and a half games for the invasion of the New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox and the other eastern clubs.

Both the leaders expect to gain strength, as well as percentage points, during their home stay.

Catcher Johnny Peacock, recently acquired by the Dodgers in a trade for Pitcher Ben Chapman, has recovered from the bruise on his left hand and took over as the club's No. 1 receiver Sunday.

Detroit expects to unfurl Hank Greenberg's star spangled batsman, sometime during the Tigers' two-week home stay. Greenberg, one of the major leagues' most potent hitters before his induction, was placed on the Army Air Forces' inactive list last week after four years of service.

Tomorrow's games show Cincinnati at Boston in the National league and New York at St. Louis in an American league night fray.

## Bus Accident Claims Tar Heel Serviceman

JOPLIN, Mo., June 25.—(AP)—Ten soldiers and two civilians were killed today when a bus struck a cow and careened over an 18-foot highway embankment.

Twenty-eight other passengers were injured. All were servicemen—27 soldiers and a sailor.

One of the civilians killed was the driver. The dead included: Cpl. Ralph Looney, 26, Hanaker, Va.

Pvt. Edward P. Neil, 20, Nouma, La.

S-Sgt. Warren A. Mertz, 23, (5003 Norwood) Baltimore.

S-Sgt. Thaddeus W. Sutula, 39, (1533 Elizabeth) Scranton, Pa.

M-Sgt. Sylvester McCarthy, 36, Williston Park, Long Island, N. Y.

Pvt. James A. Poindexter, 20, Dobson, N. C.

## Cardinal Outfielder Escapes Skull Fracture

CHICAGO, June 25.—(AP)—Outfielder Johnny Hopp of the St. Louis Cardinals, struck on the head by a pitched ball in a game with the Chicago Cubs yesterday was reported "greatly improved" this afternoon at Illinois Masonic hospital.

His physician, Dr. L. Braun, said thorough X-ray examination failed to show any evidence of a skull fracture but that Hopp probably would remain under observation at the hospital for another 48 hours.

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By HAROLD HARRISON  
COLUMBUS, O., June 25.—(AP)—Neither rain, nor wind nor lightning could slow Ohio State University's golf team today and the Bucks swept all honors in the first phase of the 48th Annual National collegiate golf tournament.

They copped the team title for the first time in history with a 19-stroke margin over Michigan and Northwestern, which tied for second, and Howard Baker took the individual qualifying medal with an even par 142 for 36 holes despite the fact he was knocked down when lightning struck a nearby tree during the afternoon round.

Baker; his caddy, Bob Edwards Jack Aiten of Northwestern's team and his caddy, Donald Smith, were knocked flat at the Sixth hole by the bolt which came during a terrific rainstorm. None were hurt.

Baker, a serious-minded lad who walks with a limp, bounced right up off the ground, birdied two holes in a row and finished with a four-under-par 68 which tied the amateur competitive course record.

His 36-hole total of 142 was seven strokes better than the 149 turned in by the next low individuals—Johnny Lorms of Ohio State and Robert Abrahams of Northwestern.

Ohio State's four man combination of Baker, Lorms, Bob Kampfer and Dan Roker finished the 36 holes with a team total of 602. Baker's 142 went with the 149 by Lorms, 155 by Kampfer and 156 by Roker.

Northwestern rallied in the afternoon rain and windstorm to equal Michigan's total of 621. Notre Dame's defending champions were next in line with 633 and Minnesota was last with 638.

The 16 low individual scores today qualified for match play, beginning tomorrow, which will decide the individual title and it took a score of 156 or better to get into the championship flight. The only exception was Louis Lick of Minnesota, the defending champion, who was qualified automatically despite a 137 today.

The battle for the individual championship will be virtually an all mid-western affair—Lt. De Witt Nunn of West Point being the only qualifier from outside the corn belt.

Baker's 68 this afternoon was a masterpiece considering he played more than half his round over a course that was waterlogged.

His round and Lorms' 69 in the forenoon were the only ones under 70.

Michigan salvaged some glory when Robert Ernst blistered the back nine during the forenoon for a four-under-par 32, the best nine-hole score of the day.

Ohio State will have four contestants in the match play competition. Michigan will have three and Minnesota, Northwestern and Notre Dame two each. The other three spots were divided among Detroit, Army and Bradley Tech.

"IKE" OFFERED POST  
WICHITA, Kan., June 25.—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was offered the post of Czar of the National Baseball Congress today by Ray Dumont, president of the organization.

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