

The Morning Watch

WITH Edward Sachs

A good slap in the wrist this morning to yours truly for a bit of misinformation we handed to sports page readers yesterday. Buddy Best defeated Early Hamilton at Thalian Hall Friday evening, not the other way around as we carried in our story.

The matter was brought to our attention by Skeets James who with Harry Fales promoted the fight. Skeets said that he thought when he read our story that it was "a newspaper decision."

Newspaper decision heck, just the wrong dope. Our apologies to Buddy Best and Wilmington boxing fans.

That busy little beaver, the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, is in again—this time with a publicity release stating that its first annual meeting will be held in Greensboro on Jan. 23 and 24.

Seth Gordon, head of the state game program in Pennsylvania and Fred A. Westerner, head of the fisheries program in Michigan will be featured speakers.

Harry Frnka moves to Tulane from Tulsa in the latest switch of football coaches. The guy with the name that looks like a misprint ranks with the best in the country.

Before he came to Tulsa it was just another cow college. Now it's a cow college with a football team—which in some circles won't be considered an improvement.

The guy developed a great passer in Glen Dobbs, a good running back in Perry Moss and two better than average ends in White and Goodnight—can't you hear his wife saying "Goodnight, Goodnight!"

At Tulane, Frnka will have his troubles. The Green Wave has slowed down to a Purple Puddle in the last years and like a German mother he will have to produce. But from his record it seems that Mr. Frnka is the guy who can do it.

Rudy York, the boy from Cartersville, Ga., who became a major league slugger of note probably wasn't too surprised at his trade from the Tigers to the Red Sox. He indicated when he was in Wilmington on his hunting trip that he anticipated getting his mail at a different station next year.

Five years ago if someone had told us that a weak-hitting baseball club like the Chicago White Sox would release their two best hitters at the end of the season we would have called for a silva test.

Yet the Pale Horse have done just that, selling .305 hitter Johnny Dickshot to Hollywood and giving the antique, Tony Cuccinello, his outright release after he had led the junior circuit in hitting up to the last day.

The answer is of course, that both men were, to put it in a gentle way, well past their prime. In fact Cuccinello is reported to have tried to join the American Legion's 40 & 8 because that would be his age in a few years.

Understatement of the week: "Billy Conn thinks he is too heavy at 183 pounds for the Joe Louis bout." It would appear that William has lost the battle of the bulge.

Durham 48 to 23 over Rocky Mount. Looks like another hard winter.

Temple Baptists Win YMCA Basketball Game

Low was high as the Temple Baptists defeated the Trinity Methodists, 24 to 16, yesterday afternoon in the Y. M. C. A.

Playing in a game of the Junior Sunday School league, F. Low dropped seven baskets for a 14 points total. R. Lewis paced the Trinity five on seven points.

In the second game the Leland Methodists defeated the First Baptists, 23 to 12 with Gaady emerging as high scorer with 10 points.

Player	FG	FT	TP
Hayes, f	3	0	6
Brew, f	0	0	0
Gaady, c	5	5	10
Sue, g	3	1	7
Long, g	0	0	0
Total	11	1	23

Player	FG	FT	TP
Heburn, f	1	1	2
Heath, f	1	0	2
Candill, c	1	1	3
Bond, g	1	0	2
Stock, g	1	0	2
Total	5	2	12

Player	FG	FT	TP
F. Low, f	7	0	14
Padrick, f	1	0	2
Begore, c	2	0	4
Phelps, g	1	0	2
Bullard, g	1	0	2
Total	12	0	24

Player	FG	FT	TP
Walters, f	1	0	2
Eaton, f	1	1	3

Player	FG	FT	TP
Bennett, c	1	0	2
Lewis, g	3	1	7
Schulken, g	1	0	2
Total	5	1	11

Adam Smith, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., announced last night that play in the "Y" Junior basketball league will begin January 12.

Six teams are entered. They include: City Optical Co., Sonny Hansley, Jim Glisson, Bob Clark, and Ron Phelps.

Sports Center: Herb Long, Dan Brew, Bill Knott, Ken Tucker, Tom's Drugs: Franklin Thomas, Jim Shulken, Jack Eaton, Pete Dannenbaum.

Causey Service: John Wright, John Walker, Laurence Pennington, Graham Farmer.

Sears-Roebuck: Don Bennett, Dave Padrick, Homer Bessent, and Henry Capps.

B. F. Goodrich: Gene Cook, Will Hayes, Howard Troutman, and Herb Clardy.

Members of the "Y" Boys' division are eligible for the league, Smith said. Interested boys between the ages of 12 to 15, are asked to inquire for details at the Y building.

GIANTS SIGN TWO

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—(U.P.)—The New York Football Giants today announced receipt of 1946 contracts from backs Merl Hapes, a regular before entering the Army Air corps in 1942, and Harry Franck, former Northwestern star and brother of George Franck, of the Giants.

HOBBS' AMBITION

WAKE FOREST, Jan. 5.—(Special to the Star-News)—Ambition of Dewey Hobbs, first string line-up on the Wake Forest-Gator Bowl football squad this year, is to be a Baptist minister.

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Brown, Native Tar Heel, Goes To Pittsburgh For \$30,000

(Compiled from AP and U.P. Press Dispatches)

St. Louis' Cardinals yesterday sold Walker Cooper, catcher now in service, to the New York Giants and Jimmie Brown, infielder to the Pittsburgh Pirates for an amount believed to be about \$30,000.

The Cooper deal sent baseball writers to the record books where they found that only twice before has as much as \$175,000 in cash been involved in a player deal. In 1938, the Cards sent pitcher Dizzy Dean to the Chicago Cubs for \$185,000 in cash and three additional players. After the 1934 campaign, Washington Senators' president Clark Griffith sent his son-in-law Joe Cronin to the Boston Red Sox for Lynn Lary and a sum in cash variously reported anywhere from \$150,000 to \$250,000.

Horace Stonham, president of the New York Giants in commenting on the deal told the Associated Press "It's certainly the biggest deal we've ever made."

As a matter of fact, it was learned the Giants virtually forced \$25,000 additional—bringing the figure to \$175,000—on the Cardinals to complete the deal. The Cards had asked \$150,000 cash and three Giant players valued at \$25,000 for their Columbus (Ohio) and Rochester (N. Y.) farms for the catcher who has batted .298 in five-and-a-fraction seasons in the big time.

The deal, rumored in the making ever since the winter baseball meetings in Columbus and Chicago last month, ran into a snag because of the values placed on several Giant players, and Stonham finally settled it by putting up the extra \$25,000 in cash instead of ivory.

Two other clubs—One of them the Boston Braves—also were interested in getting Walker, but it was reported their efforts were stymied over the Cards' insistence that the deal be made without stipulation on when the lanky six-foot-three receiver might be discharged from the Navy.

Although no other players were involved in the Cooper deal, the Giants tried to negotiate for one or more of the Cardinals wealth of returning pitching talent, particularly a Southpaw.

"But Sam (Cardinals' President Sam Breaden) wouldn't give up any of his top-flight pitchers," Stoneham explained. "However, we'll see him during the February meetings here and will keep on trying."

With Harry Danning retired, Ernie Lombardi nearing his 38th birthday and young Clyde Klutts regarded as still a year away, the acquisition of Cooper gives the Giants a receiver not only badly needed but topped by no one in the National League.

As part of one of baseball's most famous brother-batteries, the fast, good-hitting, fine-throwing Walker and right-hander Mort were the chief factors in bringing the Cardinals three straight pennants from 1942 through '44, and two world championships in '42 and '44.

Acquisition of Brown was belated present for the manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, Frankie Frisch, the United Press commented.

Frisch has wanted the St. Louis star since he took over the reins of the Pittsburgh National league club in 1939. As Cardinal manager, Frisch was Brown's mentor during his rookie season of 1937 and 1938.

"I'd like to have a team made up of nine Jimmy Browns," Frisch said several years ago.

Frisch's plans for Brown were uncertain. It was reported that Bob Elliot may be moved back to the outfield to make room for Brown at third base.

A 33-year old right hand thrower, Brown broke into professional baseball with the Greensboro, club of the Piedmont league in 1933.

Playing more than 100 games a season he twice batted over .300 for the Cardinals. In 1942 he played in the Cardinal-Yankee world series and was on the National league all-star team. He is a Native of Jamesville, N. C.

DERRINGER RELEASED BY CUBS



Paul Derringer, for 19 years a professional baseball pitcher, looks over some of his souvenirs with his wife in their Chicago apartment after he was given his unconditional release by the Chicago Cubs. In his right hand Derringer holds the National League all star award.

Tar Heel Mermen Whip Georgia Tech, 60 To 15

CHAPEL HILL, Jan. 5.—(U.P.)—North Carolina's conference swimming champions, gunning for national laurels this year, opened the season today by outclassing Georgia Tech's southeastern leaders, 60 to 15. It was the Tar Heels' 17th consecutive dual meet victory and the 42nd win in their last 45 starts.

Dick Twining, son of Lt. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, who commanded the 20th Air Force Superforts over Japan and a national AAU champ himself, set a new pool record at 100 yards.

Bo Jenkins, Carolina AAU back stroke titleholder, surpassed his previous best by two seconds; and co-Captain Snooky Proctor, national junior AAU mile runner-up, turned in another good performance at 440.

The results: 300-yard medley relay—Carolina (Jenkins, Abramhamson and Morrow) 3 minutes, 9 seconds. 220-yard free style—Zimmerman (C), Rolfe (G), Topp (G), 2 minutes, 20.5.

50-yard free style—Ward (C), Little (C), Matthews (G), 24 seconds. Diving—Earle (C), 229.2 points. Haigler (C), Frank (G).

100-yard free style—Twining (C), Ficklen (C), Thomas (G), 52.4 seconds (new pool record). 150-yard back stroke—Jenkins (C), Flowers (G), Packard (G), 1 minute, 46.2.

220-yard breast stroke—Shumats (C), Davies (C), Brock (G), 2 minutes, 46.2. 440-yard free style—Proctor (C), Rolfe (G), Morrow (C), 5 minutes 17.2.

400-yard free style relay—Carolina (Little, Frazier, Wilson, Ward) 3 minutes, 55.1.

Columbus Baseballers Will Train At Biloxi

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 4.—(U.P.)—The Columbus Red Birds have selected Biloxi, Miss., as the site of their first southern training camp since the war imposed travel restrictions, President A. L. Banister announced today. Training begins March 4.

The Red Birds will share the site with their brother club in the St. Louis Cardinal chain, the Rochester Redwings of the International league. Also at Biloxi will be the Birmingham Barons of the Southern league, and additional spring training competition probably will be furnished by the team from nearby Keesler Field.

The membership of the Academie Francaise is limited to 40.

NEW PRO LEAGUE LISTS GRIDDERS UNDER CONTRACT

Impressive Rosters Seemed Assured For All-American Conference

By WALTER BYERS
United Press Sports Writer

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—(U.P.)—The All-American football conference, severely criticizing the National Football League's college draft system, announced today its eight clubs already had signed approximately 300 players and probably would not need to draft any players for their first season next fall.

The eight franchise owners of the All-American, planning to launch pro football's second major league next season alongside of the N. F. L., met behind closed doors today. They worked on player contracts and considered a new draft system, proposed by their coaches as "one which will not aggravate college athletic directors."

The coaches, under chairman Ray Flaherty of Dan Topping's New York team, recommended to owners that a secret draft, limited to college seniors who have expressed their desire to play professionally, be set up contrast to the National League's all-inclusive draft of 300 players annually.

Mal Stevens, formerly of Yale and New York university and now head coach of William Cox's All-American Brooklyn club, called the N. F. L.'s selection system "silly and in direct conflict with the wishes of college coaches."

Stevens pointed out that the coaches of the All-American conference, with the exception of Flaherty, who formerly coached the Washington Redskins, all are college men who "should know what universities and colleges want in relationship to professional football."

Mrs. Eleanor Gehrig, widow of the former Yankee first baseman and League secretary, said approximately 300 players had been signed by the league, which averages out to about 35 men per club. The coaches named 139 signed players today.

Following is the All-American set-up, club by club, with a few of the big-name stars who have been signed:

Brooklyn—Top players: end Jack Russel, Baylor; tackle Martin Ruby, Texas A. & M.; backs Glenn Dobbs, Tulsa; Bill Daley, Minnesota-Michigan; Dominic Principe, Fordham; Lake Leicht, Oregon State; Bob Paffrath, Minnesota.

New York—Players to be announced later. Buffalo—Top players: Tackle Darrel Palmer, T. C. U., backs Paul Governali, Columbia; Steve Juzwick, Notre Dame, and Harry Hopp, Nebraska.

Cleveland—Top players: guard Vince Banonis, Detroit and Chicago Cardinal of N. F. L.; tackle Jim Daniell, Ohio State and Chicago Bears; backs Otto Graham, Northwestern; Bob Steuber, Missouri and Chicago Bears; Edgar (Special Delivery) Jones, Pittsburgh; Eddie Prokop, Georgia Tech; Gene Fekete, Ohio State.

Chicago—Top players: Tackle Harvey McCollum, Tulane; guard Norm Ferry, U. S. C.; end Ralph Herwood, U. S. C.; backs: Billy Hillenbrand, Indiana; Elroy Hirsch, Wisconsin; Chuck Jacoby, Indiana; Don Kruger, Northwestern.

Los Angeles—Top players: tackle Lee Artoe, Chicago; back Angelo Bertelli, Notre Dame. San Francisco—Top players: end Bob Titchenal, Washington Redskins; backs: Frankie Albert, Stanford; Len Eshmont, Fordham and New York Giants.

Miami—Top players: end Hampton Pool, Stanford and Chicago Bears playing coach; center John Tavener, Indiana; Bill Godwin, Georgia, and John Steeber, Alabama.

LON TO OFFICIATE

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5.—(U.P.)—Lon Warneke, former Chicago Cubs pitcher, has signed to umpire in the Pacific Coast League this year, President Clarence Rowland said today.

Warneke gave his unconditional release by the Cubs last fall after a successful 14-year national league career, expressed the desire to "get back into the Majors" as an umpire.

Basketball Scores

(By the Associated Press)
Maryland 47, North Carolina State 33.
Duke 55, Davidson 27.
Camp Lejeune 72, Camp Ord 59.
McCrary Eagles 52, Catawba 28.
Norfolk Sailors 52, Wake Forest 30.
North Carolina 65, Fort Bragg 33.
Dartmouth 46, Pennsylvania 45.
West Virginia 88, St. Vincents 30.
Boston U. 59, Clark 36.
Navy 71, Bucknell 30.

Pro Gridders May Drop Free Substitution Rule

By JIMMY JORDAN
CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—(U.P.)—The National Football league, proponent of the free substitution rule that has been gaining favor the past two years with collegiate code makers, will discuss the possibility of tossing that legislation out the window at its annual meeting opening Wednesday in New York.

Chief foe of the rule that allows substitutions, even of entire teams, at any time without penalty, will be George S. Halas, owner-coach of the Chicago Bears who recently was discharged as a commander after four years in the Navy.

Halas' suggestion will be but one of ten changes in the NFL code to be considered at the meeting. The free substitution rule came into the game as a wartime measure, due in part to somewhat lower quality of material, especially among the reserves. Because of the rule, most coaches had both offensive and defensive teams, and would substitute eight, ten, or even 11 players almost every time the ball changed hands.

College coaches and officials, watching the efficiency with which the Pros could operate under the system, have been advocating the same rule as a part of the inter-collegiate code.

Halas, 107 years a member of the rules committee, but who had not seen the rule in operation until his return from the service just before the season ended, urged the NFL to "give the game back to the fans."

"The present free substitution rule will do more to kill fan interest in the game than anything I know," he said today. "It has taken the personality out of football. The first game I saw this fall players were going in and out in such a steady stream I couldn't identify them. I'm still trying to find out who did what."

His suggestion is re-instatement of the prewar rule allowing free substitution of but two players, whose identity must be announced before the game.

Other rules changes to be considered include: Eliminating the penalty for running into the kicker and penalizing only for roughing; if running into the kicker is retained, eliminate the automatic first down which goes with the penalty; use of an artificial tee for the kickoff; elimination of that part of the rule which makes a blocker have his hands clasped against his body; allow the defense to advance with a fumbled lateral pass; permit the defense to run kicks which cross the goal line instead of making them automatic touchbacks; reduction of the penalty for an illegal fair catch signal; make a touchback of all kicks killed inside the receiving team's 10-yard line; make a touchback of any kick that goes out of bounds inside the 20-yard line, and change the penalty for a forward pass touching an illegal receiver.

The Roman emperor Maximinus couldn't find a ring big enough to fit, so he wore his wife's bracelets on his thumbs.

VMI Meets Nine Foes On Gridiron Next Year

LEXINGTON, Va., Jan. 5.—(U.P.)—A nine-game football schedule, including six southern conference opponents, for Virginia Military Institute's 1945 eleven was announced today by Lt. Col. Blandy B. Clark, son of V. M. I. athletic director.

Newcomers to the schedule are Georgia Tech, replacing Vanderbilt; Furman university, replacing Maryland, and Davidson college, replacing Emory and Henry. Holdovers include Catawba, Richmond Virginia, N. C. State and Virginia Tech.

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Housing Note: Phils Plan Moving From Basement To Better Address

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 5.—(U.P.)—The trouble with the Phillies, says Manager Ben Chapman, is that "they've been losing so long it doesn't seem to matter whether they win or not."

And that's one of the first problems "Bearcat Ben" aims to tackle when the National League problem child report for spring practice next month in Miami Beach, Fla.

"I just don't like a losing ball club," the former New York Yankee outfielder said declared today, "and if they play for me they'll hustle all the way."

If new material can turn the trick, Chapman hopes to pull the Philadelphia team out of the cellar next season for the first time since 1943. The roster so far contains only one player who was with the faltering Phil at the start of the season. That's Outfielder Vince DiMaggio.

The Montgomery bowling alley proprietor, who became manager of the Phillies in mid-season last year, refused to gamble on an outright prediction, but he vowed to better the 1945 record of 46 wins and 108 defeats.

"If we get another catcher, a third baseman, two good winning pitchers and one more outfielder," he said, "we won't finish on the bottom."

Fifth man to pilot the club in four years, Chapman will be running strictly counter to past Philly performances if he pulls the team out of the cellar. Seven times in the past 10 years the Quaker City boys wound up trailing the rest of the league, and the other three times they were only one place from the bottom.

In 63 years of National League competition, the club has been in last place 19 times and won the pennant only once.

It's in the outfield that Chapman hopes to pack the punch for the rejuvenated version of the Phillies. He said he planned to use DiMag-

gio in center, Lou Novikoff in left field and Ron Northey in right.

The pitching staff is the big question. Chapman observed he had "some good looking newcomers and we have some boys who were among the best several years ago."

"But," he cautioned, "just how good they will stack up remains to be seen. We can tell just how good they are when we start practice," about Feb. 23.