

The Sports Trail

By WHITNEY MARTIN

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TRAGEDY Jockey George "The Iceman" Woolf, leading money winner in 1944 and one of the greatest steeplechasers, fatally injured in a routine allowance race at Santa Anita.

DRAMA Miami and Holy Cross were tied 6-6, in the last seconds of the Orange Bowl football game at Miami. Spectators already were edging toward the exits commenting on the apparent first deadlock in the bowl's history.

HUMAN INTEREST One of the ablest and most colorful pitchers in the Major League was unconditionally released as the Chicago Cubs turned loose Paul Derringer, a veteran of 19 years of professional baseball.

COMEDY More than 18,000 spectators were jammed into Madison Square Garden for a basketball doubleheader. Westminster College held a lead over woefully weak St. Francis in the waning minutes and the Westminster coach started to sweep substitutes from the bench onto the playing floor.

N. C. Wildlife Group Slates Meet Tonight Election of officers of the New Hanover County branch of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation will be held at 8 o'clock tonight at the Tide Water Power company's assembly room.

MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMP TO MAKE APPEARANCE AGAINST BOBBY GILES KANSAS CITY, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Ex-sailor Tony Zale, of Gary, Ind., world's middleweight boxing champion, will make his first ring start since February, 1942, in an over-weight bout with Bobby Giles, Buffalo, N. Y., here tomorrow night.

Nice Catch Kathleen Turner proudly exhibits string of big mouth bass caught at Lakeland, Fla.

Standlee Signed CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Tony Morabito, owner of the San Francisco franchise in the All-American football conference, tonight announced he had signed Norman Standlee, fullback for the Chicago Bears before he entered the Army.

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All-America Loop Raids National Grid Players

By WALTER BYERS

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Professional football's first major "player raid" jelled today when the new all-America football conference laid claim to approximately 200 national football league players.

Dan Topping, of New York, who bolted the National League to join the A. A. C., giving the new conference the use of Yankee stadium next fall, announced today he had signed 35 players for the '46 season and had pooled 200 of his former Brooklyn players among the all-America clubs.

Topping emerged from the final session of the all-America's three-day meeting as the most powerful single figure in the new league, which is scheduled to take its place alongside the N. F. L. next fall as pro football's second major league.

If Topping's claim to the players holds up, it marks the second time this New York tin-plate king has given the A. A. C., a needed shot in the arm.

Over the protests of the N. F. L., Topping said the 200 players on the reserve list of the now defunct N. F. L. Brooklyn team belong to him "and there is nothing the National League can do about it."

Topping took the top 15, which he said are signed to personal service contracts, gave Los Angeles' underranked entry 22 others and passed the remaining 163 to the other six all-America teams.

Commissioner Elmer Layden, of the National league, ruled that Topping's reserve list reverted to the N. F. L. when he jumped to the all-America and awarded the players to the Boston National League team. Among the top players on the list are end Don Curry, guard Tony Leonard, tackle George Sergienko and end Enrico Ugucioni.

SNEAD, FERRIER IN TIE AT L. A.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Batting high winds that saw scores generally mount Sam Snead, defending champion, and Jim Ferrier, Chicago, were tied for temporary leadership of the 72-hole Los Angeles open golf tournament today with three round totals of 214.

Snead actually should have been the lone leader of the field when he turned in his score. He had been credited with a 72 by the official scorer. When the long hitting Virginian reported his round score, he volunteered the fact he had touched his ball with his club on the ninth green. The scorer had not noticed the violation.

Snead was the tournament leader after the first round. He relinquished the spot to tournament favorite Byron Nelson yesterday and the latter, with a par 35 for the first nine today indicated he would be setting the pace again when all the third round scores had been tacked up.

However, the back nine of Riviera, closer to the ocean and the wind, was playing considerably tougher than the outgoing stretch.

THE SEASON'S RECORD: Team Wins Losses Points. Appalachian 2 0 1,000. North Carolina 2 1 890. Duke 5 2 1,114.

SECRETARY DIES PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Little Jimmy Hagan, the Philadelphia Phillies' road secretary for 30 years, died today at Temple University hospital after a long illness. He was 58.

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LOCAL MERMAID IN SWIM PAGEANT

Louise Hardwick, senior at Woman's college, Greensboro, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hardwick, 102 Borden avenue, will be among the 50 swimmers and divers in "Snow Wonder," a water pageant presented by the Dolphin-Sea Club in Rosenthal pool Friday night at 8 o'clock at the college.

MISS HARDWICK, who is an art major at the college, began her "swimming career" at the early age of 18 months at Wrightsville Beach, when one morning she was put in her stroller on the porch by her mother.

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