

the OTHER Side of SPORTS

by Gil Smith

ROCKPORT, Mass., April 3.—Your homesick reporter went fishing today in the Wilmington of Massachusetts, and is happy to inform doubting Thomases, that the folks at home, and their hungry neighbors dined on a variety of bluefish, mackerel, haddock, etc., and the cat is happily asleep now after consuming the best part of a sand shark.

We motored back to Boston as darkness approached with a car full of briny creatures, plus the wife, who from now on will let us rub elbows with other anglers alone, and not tag along.

Rockport is in Gloucester, and is not a pretty place, but is positively a fishing paradise. The old houses and streets play second fiddle to the party boats and schooners that dot nearly every backyard. And the kids in Gloucester learn to love fishing at an early age, or they get sent to some awful place, like Harvard or Yale, for instance.

We arrived after an absence of six years, fully expecting someone on the piers to recognize us, but no such luck, and we had to pay full price. A 30-foot craft takes the incoming throngs out to a schooner that is anchored some 15 miles off the coast right over a school of pollock (blues).

The schooner of course, has been out there for most of the night and at 9:30 A. M. when we arrived there were about 100 anglers hauling up the prize catches as fast as they could pull in their lines.

The scuttle-run boat removes anyone who has had enough, or has run out of beer, and returns to the mainland to pick up some more folks who have laid down their three bucks.

We remained aboard the schooner until noon, and quit with several hundred pounds of fish... fanciest haul being a 10 pound mackerel. The tackle, which costs an additional dollar, consists of a line, sinker, and hook. No pole or reel, because the darned fish are too plentiful. That seems to be the only fault with the waters here.

There is really no sport, for a wait of 10 minutes between strikes is unusually long. The schooner skipper, a colorful old sea-man by the name of Cutty Sark (no relation to the Scotch) admitted that his lieutenants occasionally anchored over a school so large that all sport was lost.

"It's not too good for business. People like to fight a little for their fish," he said. "But, in another month the tuna will be here, and there'll be plenty of sport."

Actually, everyone here seemed to feel that April was one of the poorest times to fish off the New England coast, yet no one had less than 10 good looking specimens at his feet.

"It seems to be even better in January, through the ice," Sark said, as he flung a chunk of squid at the squeamish wife (ours) for bait. "Sometimes we arrive this far out at dawn, and there doesn't seem to be a blasted bit of life under the surface. But, for an hour we'll toss food out, while we wait for the first gang to be brought aboard, and by that time, they're biting."

We asked him about tuna, with the thoughts of Wilmington and the tuna drive down there, and the picturesque captain said the big boys would be off the Mass. coast late this month. From what this writer had heard, they were expected to pass the Carolinas in May, enroute north, and we said so.

"Sonny, I ain't arguing with you," Sark growled sarcastically. "But I caught one myself last April 22, and he was over 300 pounds. So he either got by the North Carolina coast before May, or he came over from Norway."

Sark (that isn't his real name, but everyone aboard calls him that, and he signs his name that way) listened while we told him about the SENCBA fishing rodeo this year with its \$15,000 prize list.

"I've never fished below Cape Hatteras, save for one time at Miami waters," he told us. "But I heard of the rodeo last year in Wilmington, and you certainly should draw some crowds, for 'tis a fine idea."

Sark became busy when someone sighted another schooner nearby. He began to curse, and as the wife's ears picked up in interest for the first time, we chased her onto the taxi-craft, and took leave of the fishing throngs.

Home now, after spreading our deep sea fortunes among the neighbors, it's still easy to see the story-book type captain aboard his beloved schooner. Incidentally, we took the liberty of inviting him to visit Wilmington at rodeo time, but since he's never done it before it's doubtful if he'll journey south this summer, or fall.

But, this we can say. If there were 500 folks fishing aboard the large schooner, 350 heard about Wilmington, the sport fishing, and the rodeo. And not a few were mighty interested.

Meanwhile, we're ready for Cowie anytime.

New Maryland Hoop Coach Is Appointed

COLLEGE PARK, Md., April 5.—Flucie Stewart, developer of outstanding teams among small colleges at Appalachian State college, today was named to succeed H. Burton Shipley as coach of the University of Maryland basketball team.

Athletic director Jim Tatum made the appointment two days after the resignation of Shipley who had coached old liner cage teams for 24 years. Shipley continues as head baseball coach. Stewart was athletic director, football and basketball coach at Appalachian for the second time last year and his five won the North State conference title with a record of 18 wins in 23 starts.

FIELDERS SOLD

MOBILE, Ala., April 5.—(AP)—Sale of infielder Frank Gibbs and outfielder Bob Chapman by the Mobile Bears to Hammond in the Evangeline League was announced today.

Star-News Sponsoring Golf Tournament

JIMMY DEMARET CAPTURES LEAD IN GOLF TOURNEY

By CHICK HOSCH

AUGUSTA, Ga., April 5.—(AP)—Jimmy Demaret, the year's leading money winner, overcame a stiff wind and erratic shots off the tee today to post a two-under par 70 for a three-stroke lead in the \$10,000 masters golf tournament. He had a 54-hole total of 210 to remain at the top of the heap.

The singing ex-Texas, who captured the 1940 masters title by four strokes—biggest margin in any of the previous ten events—had five birdies but was one over par on three other holes.

Tied for second with 213 were the original gold dust twins, Harold McSpaden of Sanford, Me., and Byron Nelson of Roanoke, Texas, who won the event here in 1937 and 1942. McSpaden had a 70 today. Nelson shot a 72, making a marvelous recovery on the back nine after going out in a 39.

Deadlocked with 214 were Ben Hogan of Hershey, Pa., the runner-up in 1941 and last year, CHICK Harbert of Detroit, and Jim Ferrier of Chicago. Harbert and Hogan posted 71 today. Ferrier slipped to 38 on the back nine after going out in 35 to take 73.

A 35 on each nine, one under par in each case, enabled Demaret to shake off Cary Middlecoff, the sensational young Memphis dentist who shared the lead with the Ojai, Calif., pro at the halfway mark.

Middlecoff remained in the running with a brilliant recovery on the back nine after a poor 40, going out. He had a 36 coming in for 76 and a 216 total.

Middlecoff, 26, the youngest pro entered here and who turned professional last month on a two-year trial basis, was even par on the first six holes but went one over on the 7th, two over on the 8th with a seven, and one over on the 9th and tenth. He recovered with some brilliant iron shots to Birdie to 13th and 15th holes and par the rest until he came to the 18th where he lost another stroke. He missed a four-foot putt at 17 to take a par.

Demaret was wild off the tees, but his accurate irons got him out of trouble in a majority of the cases. However, except for his 15-foot putt on the 8th hole, he made no others of importance. Claude Harmon of Mamaroneck, N. Y., had an ace on the 155-yard 12th hole. Chandler Harper of Portsmouth, Va., shot the first nine in 32—lowest for this tournament—to take a 68. That tied the round of Lloyd Mangrum of Chicago, who posted a 68 today for a 217 total, the same as Harbert.

Bracketed at 215 were Frank Stranahan of Toledo, O., who took the lead among the amateurs from Dick Chapman of Pinehurst, N. C., and Henry Picard of Cleveland. Picard played around in regulation figures today while Stranahan carded a 70, with a 33 on the back nine.

Chapman, with 74 today, tied Mangrum and Harper at 21, as did Johnny Palmer of Badin, N. C., Fred Haas of New Orleans, and Lew Worsham of Washington, D. C. Palmer and Haas had 73 today and Worsham shot a 71.

A stroke behind them at 216 and tied with Middlecoff were Herman Barron of White Plains, N. Y., Ed Oliver of Wilmington, Del., Tony Penna of Cincinnati, and Dick Metz of Arkansas City, Kans. Metz had 72, his third straight round of par figures; Penna had 75 and Oliver and Barron had 74.

Four players were tied for the 20th spot with 218. They were Harmon, Sammy Sneed of Hot Springs, Va., Horton Smith of Detroit, and Lawson Little of Cleveland, O.

Cleveland Indians Beat Giants, 15-7

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., April 5.—(AP)—The Cleveland Indians set back the New York Giants today, 15 to 7, bringing the count in their series to 5-4 in favor of the New Yorkers.

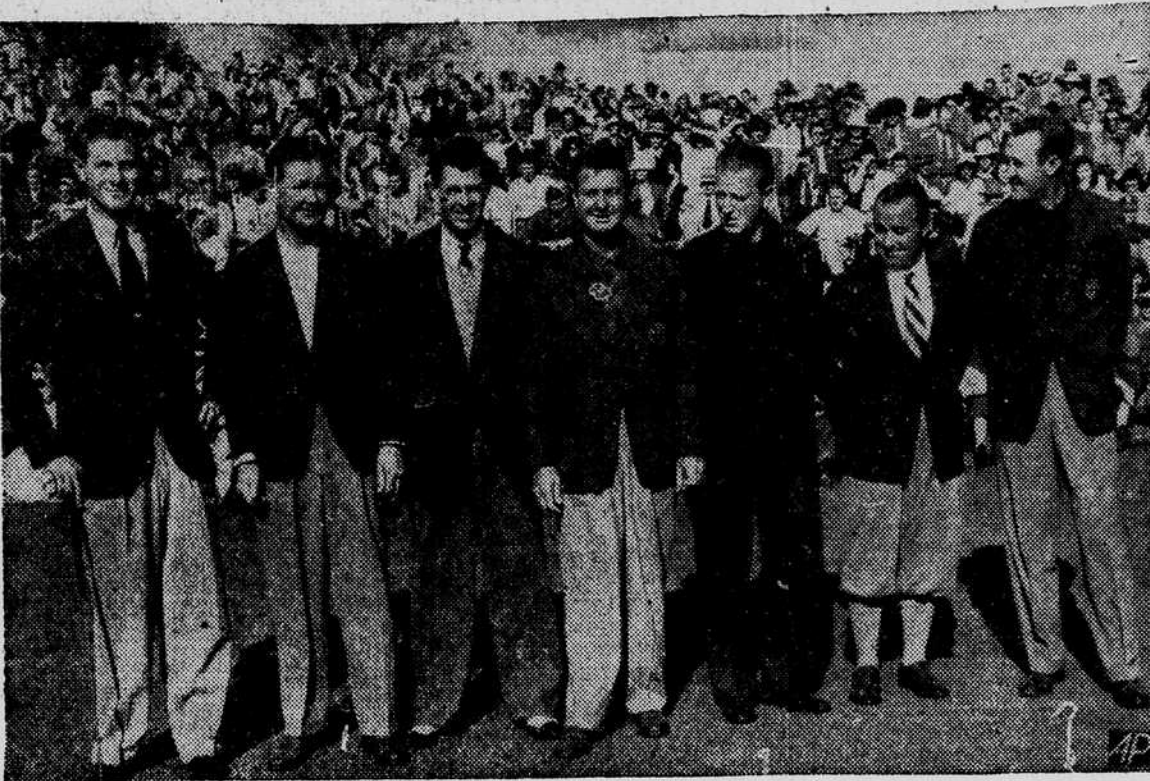
Clint Hartung, Giant right fielder, poked two home runs over the right field fence at the 380-foot mark.

The score by innings: New York 021 001 102—7 11 1 Cleveland (A) 430 161 00x—15 13 0

Budnick, Hoover (4), Carpenter (6), Hanson (8), and Cooper, Warren; Wolff, Lemon (5), and Hegan, Boone.

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Past Masters Of Augusta Masters Golf Tournament



Seven of the eight previous winners of the August Masters Golf Tournament at Augusta, Ga., line up during the current 11th annual tourney. Left to right: Horton Smith, winner in 1924, and repeater in 1936; Bryan Nelson, winner in 1937 and 1942; Henry Picard, 1938; Jimmy Demaret, 1940; Craig Wood, 1941; Gene Sarazen, 1935; Herman Keiser, 1946. (AP Photo).

GIANTS HOTTEST OF BIG LEAGUES

NEW YORK, April 5.—(AP)—The New York Giants, sad sacks of the cellar in last year's pennant race, are the hottest of all major league teams in training camp play this spring, a United Press survey showed today.

Based strictly on games involving major league teams, the Giants have won 10 games and lost four to compile a .71 percentage, while everybody's favorite, the St. Louis Cardinals rank next with 13 wins and six losses and a .684 percentage.

The American League champion Boston Red Sox, who are favored to repeat in their circuit, lead the way in that loop with a nine and five record and a .643 percentage. Directly behind them are the Washington Senators who have a seven and four mark and a .636 percentage.

The Giants, of course, are the big surprise since they are rated as a second division team by most experts and are 30 to 1 long-shots in the pre-season book of James J. Carroll, St. Louis betting commissioner.

The fine showing of the Giants made no impression on Carroll and he left them at 30 to 1 long shots. In revised odds posted today, however, he made the Cardinals odds-on 7 to 10 choices in the National League whereas they had been 3 to 4 previously. In the American, the Red Sox went to 4-5 from even money and the unimpressive showing of the New York Yankees caused their price to go up to 2-1-2 to 1 whereas they had been 2-1 in the original book.

Carroll's complete revised odds: National—St. Louis 7-10, Brooklyn 2-1-2, Boston and Chicago 5-1, Cincinnati 15-1, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and New York 30-1. American—Boston 4-5, New York 2-1-2, Detroit 3-1, Cleveland 6-1, St. Louis and Chicago 20-1, Washington 25-1, Philadelphia 40-1.

Next to the final showing of the Giants and Senators in pre-season competition, the most surprising item was the advantage the National enjoyed over the American. The National League teams won 48 games and lost 43 and although the advantage was not great, it gave supporters of the senior circuit a chance to get it back a little at the tormenters who haven't forgotten the 12 to 0 drubbing the Nationals took in the 1946 All-Star game.

In overall competition including games with minor league and semi-pro clubs the Brooklyn Dodgers have by far the best mark with 23 wins and eight defeats, but those figures were no true measure since most of the opposition consisted of semi-pro teams from Cuba and Panama when the Dodgers went against major league teams they were just so-so and had only a .500 mark with five wins and five defeats.

BUCS WIN 5-0 MIAMI BEACH, Fla., April 5.—(AP)—Hank Greenberg's smashing double hit sparked a Pittsburgh first inning drive that gave the Bucs a 5-0 exhibition game victory over the Philadelphia Athletics here today.

The Master And The Kibitzers



Bobby Jones (right) of Atlanta, the "grand slam" champion of golf, lines up a putt at Augusta, Ga., in a practice round on the eve of the Masters Tournament which opened Thursday. Byron Nelson, Gene Sarazen, and Ellsworth Vines (left to right) kibitz his form. (AP Wirephoto).

Waterfowl Hunting May Be Curtailed

CANADIAN HORSES TAKE TOP HONORS

SOUTHERN PINES, April 5.—(AP)—Canadian entries from Vernon Valley Farms, owned by Vernon G. Cardy of Montreal, and Renown, seven-year-old hunter owned by Dwight W. Winkelman of Syracuse, N. Y., carried off major honors in the Sandhills Horse Show here today before a crowd of 2,000.

The Montreal sportsman's Jervis Bay, grandson of Man O'War, captured first place over nine hunters in the class for middleweights and up carrying 185 pounds and took another blue ribbon in the model hunters class with 16 entries.

Another Cardy entry, Golden Wood, a chestnut mare, was first in the class for lightweights and up carrying 185 pounds and first in the qualified hunters class. Cardy's flying colors captured first place in the knock down and out class with the bars raised to five, and a half feet.

Renown, with Winkelman himself up, toured the one mile swamp fox hunting course to win first place over a field of five in the class for heavyweights carrying 185 pounds, one of the day's featured events. Claim agent, from the stable of C. V. Henkel, Jr., of Turnerburg, with Ed Daniels up, was second, and Times Square, with Cardy up, was third.

First places in the equitation classes were won by Liza Sutherland of Southern Pines, in the junior division, and by Charles Shubert of Hickory, in the senior division.

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WASHINGTON, April 5.—(AP)—Albert M. Day, director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, said today it probably will be necessary to curtail—but not close completely—the waterfowl hunting season next fall.

Day based his estimate on the agency's annual waterfowl inventory which placed the North American population of ducks and geese at 24,000,000. This is 25,000,000 less than in January, 1946.

This is the greatest one-year decline in waterfowl population on record, the agency's first duck count day told a reporter. In 1935 produced an estimate of 27,000,000. The total increased annually to a peak in 1943 of 125,350,000.

"In spite of the fact that waterfowl numbers have fallen almost to the 1939 total, I do not think it will be necessary to establish a complete closed season for next fall," Day said.

"I think we will be able to recommend some kind of an open season, but what it will be depends largely upon conditions in the breeding grounds next summers."

LETCHAS SIGNED CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 5.—(AP)—President Joe Engel today announced the Chattanooga lookouts had signed Charlie Letchas, an infielder, who was released by the Philadelphia Phillies. Letchas played for the Lookouts several years ago.

Event Will Be Open To All Advertisers

The Wilmington Star-News last night announced sponsorship of the "Star-News Advertisers Golf tournament" to be played on the Wilmington Municipal course. Time and date of the event are yet to be announced.

In making the announcement R. B. Page, publisher of the Star-News, said a rules committee would be appointed from among advertisers of the paper and that full details would be announced together with the naming of the committee.

Entrants will be guests of the paper during the tournament and valuable prizes will be awarded winners, runners-up, and flight winners. There will be two 18-hole rounds of match play, it was announced.

The first round will determine handicaps while the final play will determine flight winners.

Entrants will be given a week to qualify, starting on a Sunday to be named, and finals will be run off the following Sunday.

Included in the list of entrants are expected to be many of Wilmington's top ranking golfers and business men. The Tournament Committee will be chosen from their ranks.

The "all on the house" event will be open to advertisers of the national, local, classified and legal departments.

DEACONS DOWN TEACHERS, 11-0

GREENVILLE, April 5.—(AP)—Wake Forest's demon deacons broke loose with a 14-hit barrage here this afternoon to completely outclass ECTC, 11 to 0, in a baseball game marked by the slugging of Deacon First Baseman George Edwards.

Edwards collected a homer, a double and two singles in five attempts to lead his team at bat. Whitener smacked out a homer with none aboard in the sixth.

The Deacons big inning was the second when they scored four runs on as many hits. They picked up one run in the third when Edwards led off with a double and came home on hooks single through short. Three more were added in the fourth when Red Cochran doubled home. Edmonds, who had singled Cochran, came home a moment later when Edwards got his third hit a single to center.

ECTC scorings bids were all nipped as the Deacons racked up three souble plays, two of them coming with the bases loaded. Edmond and holder were effective throughout the game spacing six ECTC hits along the route.

The fielding gem of the day came when Sam Steel of ECTC, center fielder, made a running one handed catch of Whitener's terrific drive to right center in the fifth inning.

Cards Down Houston For 16 to 6 Victory

HOUSTON, Tex., April 5.—(AP)—The St. Louis Cardinals pounded three Houston pitchers for 22 hits and a 16 to 6 victory today. The Cardinal attack included home runs by Dick Sleser and Enos Slaughter, the latter's with two men on base, and three doubles by Stan Musial. They scored nine runs in the fourth inning, six of them unearned.

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Tryon Steeplechase Winners Announced

TRYON, April 5.—(AP)—Carter Wilkie and Austin A. Brown, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Cater C. Brown of Tryon, won two of the three steeplechase races run over the block house course here this afternoon under the sponsorship of the Tryon Riding and Hunt Club.

Rain threatened during the afternoon but more than 1,000 spectators witnessed the races. The March Hare run over timber for two and a half miles, was won by Carter Wilkie Brown, riding Dwight, in 4:20. Austin Brown, riding War Pilot, was second, and June C. Eaton on Taffy third. A trophy went to the winning rider and owner.

Austin Brown won the Block House Steeplechase, two miles over brush, he rode Blush and won a \$100 cash prize by finishing eight to 10 lengths ahead of Stony Run, ridden by Salvin Houghland of Nashville, Tenn., who was second. Michael Walsh, Jr., of Southern Pines, riding Miss Stonybrook, won the pacolote plate for riders under 17 years of age. Julie Sanders, riding Lady, won second place, and Audrey Lawrence, riding Moonshine, won third place. Time for the quarter mile event was 18.3 seconds.

Annual N. C. Air Show Is Planned At Wilson

WILSON, April 5.—(AP)—Cash prizes totaling 1,000 will be awarded contestants in the first annual North Carolina air show here May 11, sponsors of the event announced today.

Army, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard flyers have been invited to enter as well as all civilian pilots in the state.

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Arrangements Studied For Baseball Tourney

CHICAGO, April 3.—(AP)—Executive machinery for the first national collegiate baseball tournament in June was completed today as Frank G. McCormick, chairman of the N.C.A.A. baseball committee, named a tournament committee and selection units for the eight N.C.A.A. districts.

A four-member tournament committee includes Chairman McCormick, athletic director at the University of Minnesota; James Stewart, executive secretary of the Southwest Conference; John Kobs of Michigan State College; E. D. Barnes of Colgate University and Clinton Evans of the University of California.

Sites for the eastern and western playoffs, scheduled June 20-21, and the championship series, June 23-27-28, will be selected by the tournament committee later this month.

The playoffs, patterned after the N.C.A.A. basketball tourney, will be on a "sudden death" basis and the championship series will be a best two out of three games showdown.

Three-member committees, appointed to select representatives from the eight districts, include: District III (South and South-eastern)—J. V. Nikes, Georgia, chairman; John W. Coombs, Duke; Billy Laval, Newberry.

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