

# SPORTS

## SHELBY DAILY STAR

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### Arturo Godoy Would Fight Joe Louis For Red Cross

By WILBUR MARTIN

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 28.—(P)—“President Roosevelt says the Red Cross needs money,” the rotund little man clipped off, “and we want to help get it.”

### Sports Scene

NEW YORK, March 28.—(P)—The same day a communique reported the Sixth Infantry division was destroying Jap strong points on Luzon, a letter arrived from Sgt. Paul Morrison, editor of the “Cockatoo”—the mimeographed paper that was born a year ago when the Sixth was in New Guinea. Here it is:

“There is very little sports activity in our division at present because we are in the thick of the fighting here in the Philippines. The papers may not list much activity because the major objectives have already been accomplished, but don't let anyone kid you that the fighting is over. . . . Once in a while in the rear areas you see a couple of fellows tossing a baseball around but that is the extent of sports. I'm in the rear echelon of headquarters and in the last town we were stationed in a few fellows took advantage of a tennis court which the town boasted. I imagine that is the first such exercise they've had in months.”

### FIGHTING FANS

“We still follow the sports news closely via the radio and clippings we receive,” Paul continues. “The Cockatoo is only a two-page news sheet now but we still manage to have a few lines of sport each day. . . . Space is so valuable that we don't carry anything but scores and brief items, but at least it keeps the fellows posted on their favorites and lets them know that some sport events are still going on back there. Haven't heard any reaction to the ban against horse racing but, of course, most of our boys are from the midwest and haven't followed the ponies to any great extent. I think most of the fellows want to see sports continued, but they don't want any particular favors shown those who are participating. If they remain out of the armed forces by virtue of some legitimate reason, O.K., but only under those conditions. . . . I envy your garden diet and wish I could relieve you of a few assignments. It's been some time since I've seen an organized sporting event, other than our own division leagues. Unfortunately, none of the touring troupes have appeared in our area. We keep hoping that one of them will hit the Sixth division.”

### A PLUG FOR TUG

“Wonder when they'll name a successor to Landis?” Morrison asks (and so do we all). . . . “They should be taking care of that. Was pleased with the selection of Tug Wilson as big ten director. I'm a Drake U. man and of course like to see our old timers get ahead, but then I believe that Wilson is about the best they could have named for the post, anyway.”

### EDITORIAL COMMENT

It is obviously true, as some folks have pointed out, that guys who are fighting a war aren't deeply interested in sports back home. . . . But when anyone says they don't care a hoot and organized sports should be discontinued for the duration, we'll offer Sgt. Morrison's letter in rebuttal.

### Fights Last Night

By The Associated Press  
BROOKLYN—Phil Palmer, 140, Vancouver, B. C., outpointed Joey Feralta, 139, Tamaqua, Pa., 8, Tony Del Gatta, 157 1-2, Brooklyn, knocked out Randy Drew, 155, Newark, N. J., 5.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass.—Walter “Popeye” Woods, 162 1-2, New York, knocked out the Young Brown Bomber, 161, Wareham, Mass., 5, Al Barboza, 150, North Carver, outpointed Al Pintel, 156, New Bedford, 6.

MINNEAPOLIS—Jackie Graves, 124 3-4, Austin, Minn., knocked out Charley Riley, 123 3-4, St. Louis, 1, George Degoio, 128 1-4, Minneapolis, outpointed Pete Bolos, 123 3-4, Detroit, 6.

BUFFALO—Johnny Green, 146, Lackawanna, outpointed Andre (Indian) Gomez, 160, Havana, 10, Oscar Boyd, 159 1-2, Buffalo, outpointed Billy Purnell, 159 1-2, Baltimore, 8.

BANGOR, Me.—Norman See, 134, Quebec, T.K.O. Marly Pemba, 135, Boston, 5, Al Wooster, 138, Frankfort, T.K.O. Irish Joey Higgins, 134, Somerville, 4.

JERSEY CITY—Tony Riccio, 145, Bayonne, and Pat Giordano, 144 1-2, Toronto, drew, 10, Steve Curley, 129 1-2, Toronto, knocked out Al Starling, 127, Nutley, 1.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—Arturo Godoy, 198 1-4, Chile, knocked out Johnny Denson, 138, Indianapolis, 5, Tony Mar, 155 1-4, Sonora, Mexico, knocked out Harry Layne, 139, Ellington Field, Houston, 2.

## DePaul Meets Oklahoma Aggies Thursday For Mythical Cage Title

### Basketball Giants Mikan And Kurkland Will Tangle

By TED MEIER

NEW YORK, March 28.—(P)—It will be DePaul vs the Oklahoma Aggies and 6-foot 9 George Mikan vs 7-foot Bob Kurkland for the mythical national collegiate basketball championship as the 1945 cage season ends at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night.

The Aggies won the right to battle for the generally recognized national title by whipping New York university, 40 to 45, for the NCAA championship before 19,034 at the Garden last night. DePaul previously had won the Garden national invitation tourney by beating Bowling Green of Ohio, 71-54.

The game will be the second between the two teams, DePaul having won a 48-46 triumph over the Aggies in Chicago during the regular season. In a preliminary, Bowling Green meets NYU.

Kurkland, outplayed by Mikan in their Chicago meeting, sparked the Aggies to their NCAA triumph over the Violets with 22 points on 10 field goals and two free throws. Voted the outstanding player of the game the seven-foot Kurkland dropped in 15 points during the first half that helped erase an early NYU lead and give the westerners a 26-21 edge at haltime.

The Violets fell behind by 11 points midway of the second half, but, as in their upset win over Ohio State Saturday night, put on a late rally that pulled them within four points, 43-39, with less than five minutes left. It was a fierce struggle the rest of the way, but the cowboys clung to their four-point margin with a neat exhibition of ball handling.

Al Grenert was tops for NYU with 12 points.

Godoy looks his 31 years and he doesn't go in for the apache dance he used against opponents in 1940 and according to Weill he's a better man than any of the heavies operating in the U. S.

“Billy Conn?” asked Weill. “I happen to know he refused to meet Godoy when he was stationed in the U. S. Art likes those guys that stand up there. . . . He can work on the body then. That's what he's got now. A terrific body attack.”

As part of a tour through the southwest and south Godoy stepped off in San Antonio last night long enough to salt Johnny Denson of Indianapolis, Ind., away in the fifth round of a 10-round bout.

Weighing 198 and one-fourth pounds, the Chilean still works from a crouch, but he springs out of it for a straight-away slugging whenever he gets a chance.

Weill is taking him to Memphis, Tenn., on April 4 for a bout with Herb Jones, then he heads for New Orleans.

“But Chicago wants him for a big-time fight and we're eyeing New York,” Weill said as a parting shot. Then from a distance: “President Roosevelt says that Red Cross needs money.”

### ATHLETICS GET SCOLDING AT CIVIC DINNER

NEW YORK, March 28.—(P)—Connie Mack, 82-year-old leader of the Philadelphia Athletics, shook his finger at his players at a Frederick, Md. civic dinner yesterday. He scolded them for failing to get into satisfactory condition.

Connie went on to say, however, that his A's should be an American League pennant contender, but “I don't think we have the power” to win the flag.

Other training camp items: Philadelphia Phillies—Pitcher Charley Schanz was reported en route to camp, Southpaw Chet Covington voluntarily retired.

Detroit Tigers, first baseman Rudy York hit two balls over the fence in his first day of batting practice.

Boston Braves—Johnny Hutchins and Jim Wallace were named to pitch against Washington Senators today.

Boston Red Sox—Manager Joe Cronin has eyes glued to every taxi that pulls to camp. He is expecting shortstop Skeeter Newsome.

New York Giants—Outfielder Johnny Rucker and Pitcher Jack Brewer reported at Lakewood, N. J. camp.

Cleveland Indians—Pitchers Red Embree and Pete Center are expected to report this week end.

St. Louis Cardinals—Most of regulars banded together for 22-0 triumph over Yankigans. Mort Cooper, Blix Donnelly and Max Lerner pitched.

St. Louis Browns—Nelson Potter expected to make first pitching start of season against Toledo today.

Pittsburgh Pirates—Team plays first exhibition game against Muncie today with Fred Ostermueller slated to start.

Chicago White Sox—Manager Jimmy Dykes picked probable batting order for opening game: Walby Moses, rf; Oris Hockett, cf; Johnny Dickshot, lf; Bill Nagel; lb; Floyd Baker, 3b; Dan Reynolds, ss; Vince Castino, c, and Leroy Schalk, 2b, with pitcher undecided.

Chicago Cubs—Manager Charley Grimm was advised that Cincinnati Reds, now training at Bloomington, would shift to French Lick, Ind. on Monday so teams could play a series of exhibitions.

New York Yankees—Hank Borow allowed four runs in his first three innings of pitching in practice game at Atlantic City.

Joe Baksi Favored To Beat Lou Nova  
NEW YORK, March 28.—(P)—Joe Baksi, odds-on favorite to whip Lou Nova in their 10-round bout at Madison Square Garden Friday night, weighed 209 pounds after his workout yesterday. Nova tipped the scales at 202.

Two Suggested For Highway Commission  
RALEIGH, March 28.—(P)—The names of Raymond Smith of Mt. Airy and J. Waldo Whitaker of Enfield were offered Governor Cherry yesterday as new highway commissioners for the first and eighth division respectively.

Delegations from each division visited the chief executive to present the names of their candidates.

### Durham Open Golf Tourney Will Get Under Way Friday

DURHAM, March 28.—(P)—The 72-hole Durham open golf tournament gets underway here Friday

and already the big guns of the golfing world are tearing apart the Hope Valley Country club layout. PGA Champion Bob Hamilton from Evansville, Ind., who withdrew from the Greensboro tournament last week because two wisdom teeth were bothering his game, came back yesterday, minus the teeth, to equal the course record with a sizzling 67.

The third under par mark was set last year by Johnny Revolta. Jimmy Hines, Leonard Dodson, Sam Byrd, Mike and Joe Turensa, Tony Penna, Ky Laffoon, Joe Zardard, Willie Goggin and several other sharpshooters toured the course yesterday in warmups for the \$6,666 War Bond event which concludes Sunday with a 36-hole program.

### Apple Trees Grow

LONDON.—(P)—The apple tree population of Britain has increased by more than 3,000,000 trees in 20 years and now numbers about 15,000,000.

Use lime juice in place of lemon juice for cooked or uncooked cake frosting or filling.

### DODGERS MAY FINISH IN THE FIRST DIVISION

BEAR MOUNTAIN, March 27.—(P)—Cheer up, Dodger fans, Dem Bums of Brooklyn may not win the pennant this year, but they are going to finish in the first division.

Manager Leo Durocher intimated as much today as the Dodgers wound up their second week of spring training. While refusing to predict where his team will finish, loquacious Leo insisted his club was as good as four other outfits in the National league, “and if hustle means anything, we ought to beat them out.”

On paper it appears Durocher may have been whistling in the dark, for the Brooklyn situation can well be summed up in one phrase—long on material with 94 players in camp, but short on talent. Regardless, Leo Durocher declared the Dodgers are greatly improved.

“We have much more punch at least 30 per cent better pitching and we hope to have an infield that can function every day,” he asserted. “Most serious problem is catching, but with Mickey Owen back and Clyde Sukeforth around, we shouldn't have too much to worry about here.”

“The outfield is the strongest part of the club, Dixie Walker who paced the league in batting last year, will come to terms and play right field, Augie Galan will be in left and Luis Olmo in center. Goody Rosen, Morris Aderhold, up from Montreal, and French Bordj aray will be the alternates. I'll stack up that bunch against any outfield in the league.”

Admitting he was not completely sold on his infield, Durocher expects to start the season with Elmer “Red” Durrett, a converted outfielder from Montreal, at first, himself at second, Bill Hart at third, and 17-year-old Tommy Brown at short. He is resigned to the loss of first baseman Howie Schultz, who was recently classified I-A, and has assigned George Sisler, now a Dodger scout, to teach Durrett, a Guadalcanal marine veteran, the intricacies of first base play. Durrett, a fast man with a powerful arm, batted .291 for the Royals last year and drove in 86 runs.

Hamner Brothers To Start For Phillies When Season Opens

WILMINGTON, Del., March 28.—(P)—Pity the baseball scribes and printers when the Hamner brother act takes over as the second base combination for the Philadelphia Phillies on opening day.

Brother W. Garvin, aged 21, will be seeing his first major league experience but it will be old stuff for 17-year-old brother Granville W. who hopped off the sandlots to play 21 games with the Phils last fall. Over on first base will be Jimmy Fox who was playing before either Hamner was born.

Garvin is the second baseman and Granville the shortstop although they reversed the positions when they played together as youngsters at Benedictine high school at Richmond, Va. Both give much credit to the Rev. Daniel Baran, their first coach, for starting them off on the right foot.

It's all quite amazing to the slim Virginia lads who are trying hard to live up their advance billing. Granville hit .249 in those 21 games with the Phils and Garvin compiled a .284 mark for Richmond in the Class B Piedmont League.

Garvin originally was slated to be the regular third baseman with the Bitsy Mott-Fred Daniels duo from Utica around second. With Daniels out for eight weeks recovering from an operation, Mott was moved over to third and one of the first brother double play acts got its chance.

Experienced baseball men like the action of Garvin around second but prefer to withhold judgment on the shortstop until the season starts. Granville, listed a liberal 160 pounds on the roster, may find it difficult to stand up under the pressure of every day big league ball.

Pvt. J. C. Bonner Is Back In This Country  
GAFFNEY, S. C.—Pvt. J. C. Bonner, twice wounded in action in France, landed at Boston, Mass. Sunday and was sent to Camp Miles Standish pending his transfer to a hospital nearer home, his wife who talked by telephone with him yesterday, said. Mrs. Bonner said her husband, who was formerly engaged in the fertilizer and cotton buying business here, told her that he was in good condition except that he walked with a limp.

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