

# Commissioner Christenberry Clamps Down; Gets Rebuked

By JACK CUDDY (UP Sports Writer)  
NEW YORK (AP) — Crusader Bob Christenberry stuck to his guns today in the Johnny Saxton-Livio Minelli mismatch, but said he would ask for a speedy revision of New York boxing rules to prevent future rhabdarts.

Undaunted by some criticism, the chairman of the New York Boxing Commission said he was ordering all persons importantly connected with the Saxton-Minelli bout to appear at Friday's hearing.

He added, "and that includes matchmaking Al Weill who has gone to Florida. He must be present Friday. He must explain why he made the lop-sided match."  
When Weill flew to Miami Saturday, he planned to confer there next Friday with the managers of Jervey Joe Walcott and Ezzard Charles regarding a March title fight. But that conference has been postponed at least a day by Walcott's exhibition commitments.

**CRITICIZE SUPPORT**  
A few critics not crusader Bob under fire for the first time as chairman because they thought he had acted unwisely in supporting referee Ruby Goldstein.

Goldstein stopped Friday's fight at Madison Square Garden in the seventh round because he deemed it a mismatch. He awarded young Saxton of Brooklyn a technical knockout victory over reluctant Minelli of Italy.

Immediately after the bout Christenberry praised Goldstein for his action and ordered Minelli's purse of \$5,540 held up until after next Friday's hearing.

**DISAGREE WITH DECISION**  
Several writers and many boxing men criticized Goldstein for halting the bout on "mismatch" grounds instead of disqualifying Minelli for not trying. The reason the referee gave for his action caused the rhabdarts; not his stopping the fight.

Jesse Abramson wrote in the New York Herald Tribune: "Goldstein pulled a boner in stopping the fight, bad as it was, for the reason he gave, and Christenberry, too quick on the trigger where newspaper criticism is concerned, compounded the boner by holding up Minelli's purse and ordering a hearing."

Christenberry said today: "Goldstein stopped a bout in which one principal seemed to be in the ring merely to take the distance and not to fight. He acted within the rules. If the rules are confusing, we'll have them changed in a hurry. I'll ask for quick revision."

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## Tar Heels Head Southern Conference Schedule With Duke, W. F. Games

By LARRY DALE (United Press Sports Writer)

RALEIGH (AP) — The University of North Carolina will be the team to watch in Southern Conference action this week although the Tar Heels pose no new threat to first-place North Carolina State.

North Carolina will try tomorrow night to avenge a spectacular upset by Wake Forest and on Friday night will clash with their traditional rivals from Duke. Duke also holds a win over the Tar Heels, but that was scored in the Gerry Gerard Memorial game, and Friday night's affair will be the first of their two regular season games.

North Carolina is tied with Furman for fifth place in the loop standings and Duke ranks eighth, but a lot of reshuffling is possible in the first division under this week's schedule.

Duke entertains third - place George Washington on Saturday night.

**TWO INTERSECTIONAL GAMES**  
N. C. State takes on only intersectional foes, Bowling Green of Ohio tomorrow night and on Saturday night the Villanova team that whipped them by a 15-point margin Jan. 19 in Philadelphia. Inside the league, the Wolfpack has run up an 8-0 record.

West Virginia may narrow the gap between its second place and State's first place against VMI on Friday night. The Mountaineers will see more action outside the loop against Pitt on Wednesday and Penn State on Saturday.

Davidson's Wildcats will visit Furman on Friday night and then go home to entertain Clemson. Furman made the highest score in Saturday night's game, defeating the College of Charleston 98 to 71, but Virginia Tech turned in the most surprising performance. Tech whipped Virginia 90 to 62 for its first victory of the season.

In other Saturday night games Clemson nicked The Citadel 96-63.

## TODAY'S SPORT PARADE

By OSCAR FRALEY (U. P. Sports Writer)  
NEW YORK (AP) — For five years now Yogi Berra has been alluded to as a clown prince and a throw-back to the stone age, but the laughing boys were beginning to realize today that those tags don't fit the squat Yankee catcher, at least anymore.

Yogi contributed to this reputation after his arrival with the Yankees as a shambling youngster with a passion for blasting a baseball and mauling even the slang-tattered American language. He, too, thought for a while that his loquacious lapses—some true and some invented—were funny.

But as time wore on, Yogi tired of being regarded as a comical character. His reaction was to clam up. Now, suddenly, he is quite a different person from the once-bumbling youngster whose mind went South while his tongue headed North.

Credit it to financial security for this one-time poor boy from St. Louis who has signed a \$30,000-a-year contract. Or attribute it, if you will, to the fact that last season he won the American League's Most Valuable Player award and thus proved to himself that as a player he could stand on his merits without benefit of monosyllabic miscues. Or maybe it's a pride instilled by his beautiful wife, Carmen, and their two children.

But whatever the reason, Yogi is a straight-talking young man of 26 with a very bright future today and he makes solid sense when he says something. He startled the baseball writers when he signed his 1952 contract by picking the overlooked Detroit Tigers as the team his Yankees would have to beat next season.

Immediately, everybody prepared

to laugh, expecting what has come to be known as a "Berraism." But Yogi fooled them. In a quiet, sensible voice he explained:

"They have Art Houtteman back and Virgil Trucks was improving in the last two months of the season. Then, too, they have Ted Gray and Gene Bearden might come around. On pitching they must be looked at at a team which might be trouble. Maybe they haven't too much power, but Hoot Evers is a good ball player and he'll hit better than last season."

Somebody started to laugh when Berra mentioned Houtteman. The laughing boy thought Berra had mispronounced the name—and turned a bit red of face when he found out that Yogi was the one who had it right.

Regarding his own late season slump, Berra said that he simply became tired as the teams hammered down to the wire.

"We played 22 doubleheaders, and I caught the laughter of the past few years. Berra admitted that the weather is cool but when it gets hot it's murder. There were times when we had two double-headers in a row. It wasn't easy."

So Yogi has been resting during the off season, working as a clothing salesman and playing golf.

"I hit 'em pretty far," he grinned, his brown eyes gleaming, "but that slice of mine—phew!"

And with the speaking reluctance caused by the laughter of the past few years, Berra admitted that he hasn't been to many dinners.

"That's out of my line," he said. "I'm not much of a speaker."

Yet there's no doubt that Berra, the man they labeled clown, can talk straight—and make sense. Anybody who implies differently is simply adding to a baseball fairy tale.

## Leaders Illinois And Kansas Licked By DePaul, Kansas St

By NORMAN MILLER (United Press Sports Writer)  
NEW YORK (AP) — St. Bonaventure and Duquesne, the nation's only remaining undefeated major college basketball teams, today led a parade of powerful independents that promised to provide plenty of headaches for NCAA tournament selectors come March.

With only six of the 16 NCAA tournament berths set aside for independents, there are at least 18 non-conference quintets with impressive records that rate consideration for the four Eastern and two Western members-at-large bids. Ten NCAA bids go automatically to conference champions.

St. Bonaventure and Duquesne emerged as the only teams in the unbeaten elite after a weekend of upsets in which top-ranked Illinois and second-ranked Kansas suffered their first setbacks of the season.

**TOP TEAMS STUMBLE**  
DePaul, one of the Midwest's strongest independents with a 15-4 record, snapped Illinois' 11-game streak, 69-65, after battling back from a 14-point first quarter deficit at Chicago Stadium Saturday.

Kansas was topped 81-64, by Kansas State in a Big Seven clash at Manhattan, Kan., despite a fine 31-point performance by All-American Clyde Lovellette of the Jayhawks, who is the nation's leading scorer. The victory gave the Wildcats first place in the Big

Seven race. St. Bonaventure ran its victory string to 12 by whipping Youngstown, 70-50, at Olean, N. Y., while Duquesne, which has won 11 straight, was idle.

The Bonnies next play Loyola of Chicago at Buffalo, N. Y., Saturday. Duquesne, returning from nearly two weeks of inactivity because of mid-year examinations, risks its spotless record against Villanova 9-4 at home tonight, and then meets Baldwin-Wallace at home Tuesday; Akron away from home, Wednesday, and Westminster away, Saturday.

**MORE INDEPENDENT LEADERS**  
Seton Hall 15-1, Louisville 15-2, St. John's of Brooklyn 13-2, Boston College 12-2, Notre Dame 11-3, Oklahoma City University 20-5 were other leading independents that improved on their impressive records.

LaSalle, another strong Eastern independent, suffered its second setback in 15 games when upset by St. Joseph's of Philadelphia, 54-53.

Dayton, a leading Midwest non-conference contender for an NCAA berth, ran its mark to 15-3 by beating Xavier O. 67-60, last night. St. Louis University took over undisputed possession of first place in the Missouri Valley Conference Saturday night by beating Oklahoma A&M 48-40, in a game that 66 personal fouls were called.

Tonight's major games: Villanova at Duquesne, Notre Dame at Pittsburgh, Purdue at Illinois, Nebraska at Iowa State, Toledo at John Carroll, Drake at Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma at Texas, Kentucky at Vanderbilt, Western Kentucky at Tam-

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## Larry McPhail Gets Into Horse Racing

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) — Larry McPhail, bombastic red-head who pioneered night baseball in the Major Leagues, said today there will be no night racing when he takes over the Bowie Race Track near Baltimore next month.

A syndicate headed by MacPhail, has bought controlling interest in the historic old track, and Larry immediately began making typical MacPhailian plans. He will yell for more than 25 race dates now allotted the track by the racing commission, he will improve the plant and he will up the purses.

But the man who made the big leagues see the light—the arc-light—while running the Cincinnati Reds, the Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Yankees won't go for nocturnal nags. "I'm dead set against night racing," he said. "Sure it would draw, but the still against it for thousands of reasons."

**FOR AND AGAINST**  
"Although I'm generally credited with being among the pioneers for night baseball, you should remember that I also became a leader in opposition to night ball. I felt that too much night baseball was ruining the game."

McPhail left baseball in 1947 when he sold out his interest in the Yankees to his partners after "a lousy victory party" squabble. He since has dabbled in racing, breeding horses on his 800-acre farm near Bel Air, Md.

Yesterday his long search for control of a race track was climaxed when a New York motion picture executive, Charles Simonelli, announced he had bought 7,832 shares of stock in the track, pending court approval, for the syndicate. MacPhail and investment banker Donald Lilla head the new group, with MacPhail the man destined to run the track.

## PGA Committee Holds Meeting To Smooth Relations

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — The tournament committee of the Professional Golfers Association announced today that it will hold a special meeting in Tucson tomorrow to discuss "the future" of the touring professional.

At the same time, PGA President Horton Smith said there will be another special meeting Saturday with Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce to make some sort of settlement on next year's \$17,500 open there. The recent tournament in Los Angeles developed a lot of arguments, the net result of which was that the PGA withdrew as a co-sponsor.

"We are not anticipating any trouble in the Tucson meeting," said Smith. "But we hope to clarify the duties of our new tournament director, Frank Caywood."

"We also hope to take some action that will improve our public relations; and do some other work that will improve our cooperation with the co-sponsors of tournaments."

## Georgia Lady Wins Amateur Golf Play After Three Tries

MIAMI (AP) — Mary Lena Faulk, slender Thomasville, Ga., bookkeeper, listed the Helen Le Doherty Women's Amateur title among her accomplishments today following three previous failures.

By defeating Mary Ann Downey of Baltimore 2 and 1 in the finals yesterday, the 25-year-old Miss won the tourney in which she never went past the quarter finals three times earlier.

"It was my greatest victory in golf because of the field I competed against," she said.

Faltering slightly from weariness on the final holes of the 36-hole contest, Miss Faulk, four-time winner of the Georgia Women's Amateur title, was 1-up at the end of the morning 18 with a two-over-women's-par 77.

She increased her lead to 4-up at the end of 27 holes and breezed to victory from that point on.

## BROKE RECORD

GJOEVIE, Norway (AP) — Hjalmar Andersen, Norway's champion and a favorite in the forthcoming Olympics, broke his own world record by six seconds yesterday when he skated the 10,000 meters in 16 minutes, 51.4 seconds at the Norwegian Championships. The former record of 16:57.4 had been set by Andersen at Davos, Switzerland, in 1948.

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