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Ray Wolf Pleased.....

Raymond Wolf, football coach of the University of North Carolina, is pleased with the changes made in the playing code by the rules committee recently.

From Fort Worth, Texas, where he is vacationing, Wolf sent the following wire, in reply to a request for his views on the subject:

"Very pleased with new rule changes. Do not believe substitution rule will delay game great deal as many might believe it will. Used substitution rule North-South game. Handing ball behind line should help offense and add more deception. Forward pass rule satisfactory."

A large majority of coaches appear to be well pleased with the new rules and if they are pleased there should be no reason why the fans are not.

Taking everything into consideration it looks like the changes will help make a faster game and one in which there is more scoring.

Good News For Golfers.....

Johnny Bulla won the big golf tournament in California with a thirty five cent golf ball. That must be good news to a number of golfers in this section who cannot use high price balls. Now they know golf matches can be won with low price balls and there is nothing to keep them from going ahead and shooting a good game.

A large number of fans in this city were pulling for Mr. Bulla in the tournament and when he came through they were pretty well satisfied with everything.

Dean Says.....

Chicago, Jan 7—Dizzy Dean may have lost his fast ball but the lanky Chicago Cubs' pitcher showed plenty of speed today in returning his signed contract for the 1941 season.

Ole' Diz sent the signed document in so quickly that it became the first signed player contract received in the Cub office. One reason advanced for the pace in which Dean joined the Cub fold was that his contract called for the same salary he received last season, \$10,000.

The one-time pitching great won three and lost three for the Cubs in 1940

In spite of all the things that Dean has done or has not done baseball fans like him. They are pulling for him to have a good year. One thing about the once great that calls for admiration is the grand fight that he is staging to make a comeback.

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NOVA DRAWS VOTE OF SPORT WRITER

Experience Should Pay off for Lou in 'Battle of Comebacks' on Friday

New York, Jan.—On the surface, it's just another 10-round fight; just another headliner on the time-clock schedule of boxing shows Mike Jacobs has lined up to keep the sport and Mike Jacobs alive around here this Winter.

Beneath the surface, the Pat Comiskey-Lou Nova bout at the Garden Friday night drips drama, and pathos, and all the other elements which are blended when two young men with a common goal meet to decide which will move ahead and which will back up for a fresh start.

"Much in Common"

The careers of the two young men have much in common. Both are fine physical specimens who at one time in their respective careers were rated promising aspirants for Joe Louis' title. Each, when apparently on the right track with a green light, ran into a setback which knocked the foundation from his air castle.

The major difference is that Nova was farther along the road when he was wrecked by Tony Galento. Comiskey's reputation had been built on victories over second-raters, and on his first trip on the main line he ran into Max Baer, which was a slight error. Something like stepping into an elevator which isn't there.

Anyway, they both were removed from the spotlight quite abruptly. Nova remained in seclusion the longer, spending 15 months recovering from a blood infection which he blamed for his inept showing against the little round man.

Comeback Trial

Both have taken the same method of mending their frayed careers. Comiskey dropped back into the company to which he was accustomed, and proceeded to pick up the needed experience only that kind of competition can bring. Nova, after regaining his strength, went up against some trial horse and won handily in a bout which left rather disturbing thought waves.

Now they are both ready to resume their climbs, and at each other's expense. A Nova defeat might remove him permanently from the select circle of title possibilities. His manager, Ray Carlson, has remarked that if his Louie can't beat Comiskey, Lou had better hang up his gloves and learn a good trade.

Comiskey still is an infant, fictically speaking. He might survive another crushing defeat, but it would be certain to put him back to scratch and it might curb his enthusiasm to some degree.

"It's A Natural."

Despite the fact that many bouts which have loomed as 'naturals' have turned out to be resounding duds, the Friday bout should fall into "natural" category, inasmuch as both fighters realize their immediate future depends on their showing. If the bout is a dud they're both out of the picture.

Comiskey has a terrific right-hand punch, a stabbing but not lethal left. Nova probably can't punch so hard as Comiskey with his right, but Lou's left is more potent. He's more on the punishing, wear-'em-down order.

At any rate, he gets our vote to win a bout which should end in a least a technical knockout one way or the other. If our usual luck holds out, it will probably be the other.

FERRIS SEES HIS ERROR IN STICKING OUT NECK

New York, Jan.—Dan Ferris, secretary-treasurer of the Amateur Athletic Union, said tonight that he will recommend the prompt reinstatement of any players in the New Year's Day East-West football game who communicated a desire to be reinstated as amateurs under the rules of the A. A. U.

Ferris made the statement after a telephone conversation with William Coffman of San Francis-

co, chairman of the Shrine committee which sponsored the game, and said it was predicted on the theory that most of the players were not properly informed of the requirements of the Amateur Athletic Union rules.

Ferris recently announced that players participating in the East-West game had lost their "amateur standing" because they had played with and against Tom Harmon, Michigan star, who had received money for appearing on a radio program. Ferris said Fred Hartman of Rice had applied for

the necessary A. A. U. dispensation to play in the game, but all others had failed to do so—and therefore were no longer pure in the eyes of the A. A. U.

RETURN OF THREE STARS HELPS SPORTS AT STATE

Return to school of a trio of star performers has boosted State College athletic stock.

Roy Cromartie, varsity basketball forward of the past two sea-

sons, returned when school opened after the Christmas holidays. He is a starter on Coach Bob Warren's quint.

Latest returnees are Sid Ingram, crack swimmer, and Bobby Wright, Raleigh boy who starred in freshman football and track during the 1939-40 school year.

Ingram is the Southern Conference breaststroke champion. His home is at Arden. Ingram received his degree last June but has another year of athletic competition.



They Call Her "Fickle"—But There's A Reason Why She Won't Settle Down...

Don't misunderstand Mary. It isn't that the boys don't like her. They do. And Mary likes the companionship of men. The trouble is, they can't hold her interest. A show, a dance, a football game—are all fun, but when a girl wants a sound, responsible man she wants to know he has faith in spiritual things too. She'd stick to fellow who'd add to all his social invitations an invitation to "Come to Church with me next Sunday, Mary—where we can share the deepest, most important interest—together."



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