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BITS HERE AND THERE

Bill Collins, International News Service sports writer, lists these sports items, gathered from here and there:

A survey of 708 University of Minnesota varsity letter winners revealed that 94 per cent would live their athletic lives all over again if they were to re-live their college careers.

In an attempt to find an answer to the much-debated question of the value of intercollegiate athletics, Prof. John N. Stalaker of the University of Chicago—which recently abolished football—questioned the Gopher athletes concerning their attitude towards the problem.

Ninety per cent of the men queried said they would want their sons to participate in varsity athletics; 85 per cent said they believed athletics had developed desirable character traits in them; 84 per cent said no, they did not believe their participation on the gridiron or the court or on the track or field had prevented participation in other worthwhile extra-curricular activities and 85 per cent said their own participation had raised their estimate of the worth of intercollegiate athletics; 86 per cent said they did not favor a shortening of the football season.

A survey of undergraduate football lettermen of the Big Ten conducted by the Conference Commissioner, resulted in 89 per cent of the gridgers agreeing the football is "play" and not a chore. Ernie Andres, Indiana's 1939 basketball captain, holds the Big Ten individual game scoring record with 30 points against Illinois in 1938. . . . Three others—Joe Reiff of Northwestern, Jewell Young of Purdue who holds the Big Ten season's record of 18 points, and Pick Dehner of Illinois—share second place with 29 points scored in a single game.

The golfers are the smartest athletes at Northwestern, with a scholastic average of 4.15 (B minus), as compared with the 3.7 average of all Wildcat athletes and the 3.2 (C plus) average of the entire male student body. The track team ranked second in classroom activities with an average of 3.97. . . . Behind the tennis players, the swimmers, the fencers, the wrestlers, and the basketballers ranked the gridgers with a scholastic average of 3.46, despite the fact their average was buoyed by Quarterback Jack Ryan, the best scholar among all the athletes with an average of 6.2 (A minus).

Although the University of Chicago will not have a football team next fall, they will have a football game . . . when Amos Alonzo Stagg, as unceremoniously ousted from the Midway after some 40 years as head coach as the game itself was ousted a few weeks ago, brings his college to the Pacific team to meet Notre Dame at South Bend in October. . . . "The Grand Old Man of the Midway" has a perfect record against Notre Dame, his Maroon eleven defeating the Irish eight to 0 in 1893, 18 to 0 in 1896, 34 to 0 in 1897, and 23 to 0 in 1899.

Louis Bourdieu, the Cleveland Indians' infielder, will receive his bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois College of Education this month, and hopes to land a job coaching basketball in the off season. . . . Instead of applying for unemployment compensation as some ball players in Missouri and Ohio have done.

Ex-Chicago Cubs Manager Charley Grimm thinks Chicago White Sox Manager Jimmy Dykes "put one over on somebody" when he grabbed Julius Solters from the St. Louis Browns. . . . Opined Grimm: "Solters strikes me as the type of player who doesn't get very far when he is unhappy. When traded to St. Louis he probably said, 'What the hell' and let it go at that. But playing in Chicago, and for Dykes, it's going to be different." Four different years Solters has batted well over .300 or close to it, including his .323 mark of 1937.

Eighty-six per cent of the 2,400 men undergraduates at Northwestern take part in intramural sports. . . . Tony Zale, whose recent 10-round decision over Middleweight Champion Al Hosak made him the No. 1 contender for the Seattle fighter's title, has four brothers at home in Gary, Ind., who have pushed leather. . . . which ties the record of the five Zivie brothers of Pittsburgh. . . . the Zivies, however, achieved higher national ranking as a family.

Munhall Spikers First. Munhall High, W. P. T. A. L. title, defeating Westinghouse of Pittsburgh, king of four consecutive years, to capture the P. I. A. A. volleyball crown Saturday at Penn State College, 12-15, 15-8 and 15-11.

Gene Handley Optioned. Pittsburgh Pirates optioned Gene Handley, an infielder, to Hartford. He is a brother of Lee Handley, regular third sacker.

Coach 41 Years. Jimmy Murray has been Columbia's fencing coach for 41 years.

In Bike Derby



JULES AUDY

PITTSBURGH, Apr. 3.—Six-day bicycle fans will have their first chance in two years to root for handsome, blonde Jules Audy when the daredevils of the pinstriped return to Pittsburgh, Sunday, April 14, for the seventh grand in The Gardens. Audy is the first of 24 riders to send in his signed contract to John H. Harris, head of the popular Pittsburgh amusement center. The tall, thin Canadian, has won two of the six day races at the Gardens, being teamed with Torchy Feden in 1934 and with Hans Vopel, the Flying Dutchman, in 1937. Audy, born in Montreal, is the idol of bicycle race fans throughout the United States and Canada. He was born September 2, 1894, and took to racing at an early age. When racing was inaugurated in his home town, Audy acted as a runner for the great Piet Van Kempen and in the second Montreal race Audy rode with Van Kempen. The team finished in second place.

Stipa, Davin Lead Scorers In Elks Loop

Individual scoring records of the Elks Basketball League reveal that Phillip Stipa, brilliant forward of the Paramounts, captured top honors during the second half schedule in the young men's circuit with a total of 88 points. George Campbell, forward of the Orpheum dribblers finished second with 61 markers and Bob Porter, Paramount center, came in third with 58.

Junior division scoring honors were taken by Eddie Davin of Oglevees, who tallied 59 points. Ronald Daberko of the Y. M. C. A. and Bill Zavatchan of Leisenring tied for second with 58 points each and Joe McGarrity came in with 50.

Averages, compiled by Walter Mistkalis, director of the loop, follow:

G.	F.	Pts.
Davin, Oglevees	27	5-9 59
Daberko, Y. M. C. A.	28	2-6 58
Zavatchan, Leis.	25	61-4 58
McGarrity, Leis.	23	4-11 50
C. Rowe, Oglevees	22	3-9 47
Ait, Comets	21	4-11 46
Scaechi, Greyhounds	19	7-21 45
Wolfe, North End	17	5-12 39
Uhal, Leisenring	18	3-4 39
Bannon, North End	14	8-13 36
Alexander, Leis.	14	7-13 35
Smyth, Greyhounds	17	9-2 34
Dominick, Comets	15	2-10 32
Brady, Comets	15	2-7 32
Hart, Y. M. C. A.	13	6-24 32
Frost, Vanderbilt	15	1-6 31
Dunston, Y. M. C. A.	14	1-2 29
Sohnage, Christians	11	7-15 29
Pandolph, Vanderbilt	10	8-16 28
Cunco, Oglevees	13	0-3 28

Young Men's Division.

G.	F.	Pts.
Stipa, Paramounts	46	6-17 98
Campbell, Orpheum	27	7-16 83
Porter, Paramounts	27	4-7 82
Flynn, Greenwood	22	6-13 50
Furtney, Orpheum	23	3-9 49
Pike, South Con.	21	4-13 48
Davis, Everson	20	5-9 45
Maisfaire, Para.	19	1-2 39
Ellenberger, G'wood	18	2-3 38
Blasey, Paramounts	15	3-8 32
Marion, Para.	15	2-5 32
McMahon, Orpheum	16	0-5 32
Beard, Greenwood	14	4-8 32
Mulroy, Everson	12	7-16 31
Hertznel, Orpheum	14	2-4 30
McCoy, P. S. M. C.	11	7-15 28
White, South Con.	11	6-9 28
Logan, P. S. M. C.	12	2-8 28
Kline, Paramounts	10	5-7 25

Former Grid Star Dies. Police found the body of Ray McRobbie, 37, former football star at Western Maryland College, in his gas-filled apartment in Baltimore. He played one year of pro football with Philadelphia Eagles.

CARDS HAVE MOST POWER ON OFFENSE

Boast Four Definite Contenders for 1940 Batting Crown.

MOUND OUTLOOK IS NOT BRIGHT

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Apr. 3.—If pennants were won on hitting alone, the St. Louis Cardinals would run away with the National League flag this season. They have power personnel with four definite contenders for the individual batting title in Mize, Padgett, Slaughter and Medwick, and a team that can't miss winning the club batting championship.

But pennants are won on pitching and are sometimes lost by a poor defense. The Cardinals have large question marks in both departments. Potentially, they have a pennant winning pitching staff, but the Cardinal system of handling pitchers has yet to prove its merit. Ray Blades had only one pitcher, Curt Davis, who worked in as many as 10 complete games last season.

Blades' daisy-chain design for handling pitchers keeps the staff upset from April until October. The star of the corps doesn't know when he'll be hauled off the bench to try and get another moundman out of a jam. It is not a happy pitching staff, and my authority for that statement is a Cardinal pitcher.

The Cards' superlative punch might yank the pitching staff along with it, but the St. Louis infield isn't of pennant winning class. Blades' spent 26 days in St. Petersburg trying to find the right infield combination, and left with the problem more acute than when he arrived.

He knows that Johnny Mize will play first base, and that Jimmy Brown will play some other spot in the infield, but he has no idea which it will be. The Card boss had hoped to play the scrappy Jimmy at third, but events in camp indicate he would do better at second or short. Wherever he plays, Brown will do a bangup job. He's probably the most underrated ball player at the Card squad.

For second base, Blades has to pick from Stu Martin, Joe Origo, and Bob Repass. For short he has a choice of Martin Marion, Eddie Lake and Lynn Lary. Apparently Don Gutteridge, last year's third baseman, has lost his job. Whatever combination Blades picks will lack class as a unit and is certain to be slow attaining the smooth coordination a pennant winner must have.

The outfield is the league's best, but there may be a tempest in left field before this season ends. Joe Medwick signed a contract he didn't like, and he seems to be in a mood to put no more into his play, than he thinks he is getting paid for.

Terry Moore in center is a fielding marvel and he has improved his hitting to such an extent that he may land in the .300 class. Enos Slaughter, who hit .320 last year, is a definitely improved hitter and may get right into the scramble for the batting title.

Behind the bat, the Cards are well equipped—much better than the critics generally concede. Don Padgett is a greatly improved receiver and is quite likely to murder the ball so hard and often it will be difficult to keep him out of the lineup. Mickey Owen is a first class No. 2 catcher. Joe Judge's pitching is overloaded with left-handers with Max Lanier, Bob Welland, Clyde Shoun and Tom Sunkel all flinging from the port side. Ernest White, perhaps the best of the rookie crop, is another lefty.

Shoun and Bowman probably will be Blades' principal relief pitchers but every man on the staff is likely to be drafted into the fireman's role if the occasion demands. Blades, taught in the Branch Rickey school, won't leave a pitcher in the box when he gets in a serious jam.

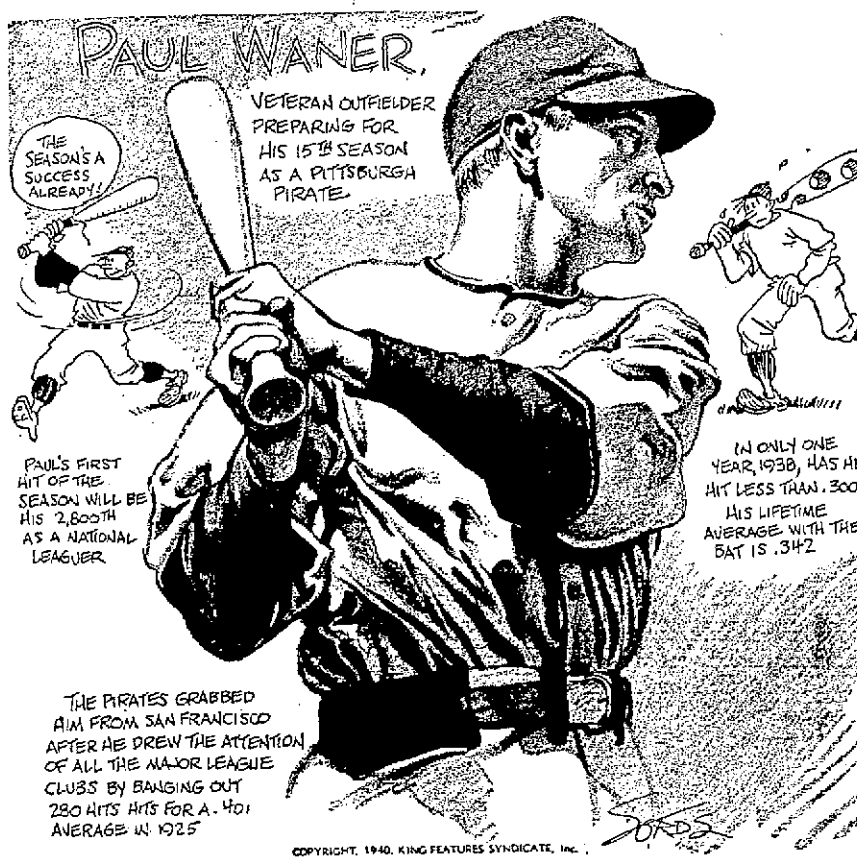
If the Cards should win the right infield combination overnight, Medwick gets down off his highhorse and plays for the team instead of Joseph Michael Medwick, and the pitching staff can stave off a permanent case of jitters from the in-again, out-again system under which they have to work, then the Cardinals are definitely the club to beat.

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By JACK SORDS



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Softball Loop Plans Will Be Made Monday

Plans for the organization of a strong Tri-Town Community Recreation Center Softball League will be formulated at 8 o'clock Monday night at the Dickerson Run building.

All teams interested in joining should have a representative there. Liberty, Vanderbilt, Dawson, Hickory Bottom, Bryan, East Dawson, Dickerson Run Hill, Troiter and Leisenring have signified their intention of enrolling.

Grindstone Man Hurt. Peter Genot, manager of the Colonial No. 4 team of the Frick Baseball League, injured in an automobile accident while enroute to Monongahela Sunday, was reported in a serious condition in Charleroi-Monessen Hospital. It is believed he may have suffered a broken back and other injuries. His wife, who was driving, sustained lacerations.

Waynesburg High Ahead. Waynesburg High won first place in the debate, extemporaneous speaking, declamation and Shakespearean reading events in the Greene county program of the Pennsylvania Forensic & Music League Saturday at Waynesburg. Carmichael was first in poetry reading and Morris Township in original oration.

Rangers Capture First. NEW YORK, Apr. 3.—It took the New York Rangers 15 minutes and 30 seconds of an overtime period to turn back the brush challenge of the Toronto Maple Leafs by a 2-1 score and go into a one-game lead in the final playoff series for the Shiny Stanley Cup.

Appointed to Annapolis. W. Clayce Lamb, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lamb of Republic, has been appointed a principal candidate from the 24th Congressional District to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., Congressman J. Buell Snyder announced.

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NOTICE.—Entry fee of \$1, which includes the cost of bowling, must accompany official entry blank. Submit your blanks and cash to Charles R. Driscoll, Tournament Director, care of The Daily Courier, or Patsy Russo, proprietor of West Penn Alley before 5 P. M. Monday, April 8th, 1940.

Two Special Prizes For Girls If 20 Enter Ducks Tournament Next Week

If the members of the fair sex display sufficient interest in The Courier bowling tournament April 11, 12 and 13, two special cash prizes for them may be offered, Tournament Director Charles R. Driscoll announced today.

It is hoped to get at least 20 girls in the tournament in which event they will compete for two special female cash awards while at the same time being eligible for the grand tournament premiums. If 20 women do not enter, the special fair sex prizes will not be given. Hence it becomes imperative that the girls get organized at once and file their entries with the tourney chairman.

The second annual rubber band competition will be held at the West Penn bowling alleys three nights next week, four if the number of entries warrant. There will be three grand prizes for the bowlers with the highest totals for five games. A special award will be given each night for the single

same high. Many women bowlers had inquired as to the possibility of having a special tourney for the fair sex and the tournament committee decided upon a plan whereby they could compete for the grand premiums as well as special prizes for girls. If all of the women who have been participating in the various leagues in the city during the past winter would enroll, there would be close to 100. It is believed there should be no real difficulty in getting 20 enrolled.

Both men and women bowlers are reminded that entries must be turned in by 5 o'clock Monday afternoon, April 8, so that the committee can get to work at once and draft the schedule of appearance of the various individuals. Entry blanks, accompanied by \$1 in cash or money order, should be turned in to Charles R. Driscoll, care of The Courier, or Patsy Russo at the West Penn bowling alleys.

Graham Big Five Trips Fairchance

Graham Big Five bowling team defeated Fairchance by 242 pins Monday night at the Graham alleys with Wingrove and Johnny Graham setting the scoring pace for the winners with three-game totals of 495 and 527, respectively. A return match will be played at Fairchance Monday.

The summary of team scoring: Fairchance . . . 645 750 718 2114 Graham Five 821 694 831 2346

Moose Bowlers Bow To Black Ducks Club

Two members of Black's bowling team captured all scoring honors as the club swept its three games with the Moose Club in the Tri-Town Duckpin League. Walter Boyd capped single-game honors with 192 while Kessier hit consistently to pile up a total of 462.

The summary of team scoring: Moose Club . . . 510 615 498 Black's . . . 610 644 713

Tri-Town Recreation Center Notes

By RAYMOND HERBERT
Liberty trounced Dickerson Run volleyball team Monday night in the Center Volleyball League by scores of 15-11 and 15-9.

The Vanderbilt Preps are still leading the Center Ping-Pong League after defeating Dickerson Run by a score of 13-0.

There will be a personal hygiene class for girls 14 years and older at the Tri-Town Community Center girls' club rooms starting Friday, from 4:30 to 5:30 P. M. The classes will be under the supervision of Dr. Cam. T. Troilo and Miss Betty Black. Miss Black is a graduate of the West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh. All girls interested may have further information by calling Mrs. Sara Lint, Dawson 291.

The Hollywood A. C. basketball team captured the Tri-Town Center Basketball League title Friday night by defeating a strong Dawson five, 42-28. The winners were led by Captain Bob Laughery with 12 points.

Jimmy Marlin Dies. James L. (Kiki) Jim. Marks, president of Xiskiminas Springs Preparatory School and ranked as one of the nation's greatest developments of football players, died at Salsburg Sunday night. Never a star athlete himself, he took a liking for the grid game while attending W. & J. As early as 1915, he was recognized as a master mind.

Burman, Godoy Demand Crack at Louis' Crown

NEW YORK, Apr. 3.—The big red-head was deadly serious as he shuffled off the elevator and asked: "Why don't they give me a chance? If there's one guy I can lick, it's Joe Louis."

The poet says that in the spring—and it was spring in New York—a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love. But there was no love in the eyes of Clarence (Red) Burman, 24-year-old heavyweight protégé of Jack Dempsey, as he walked into the office of the United Press and announced the start of a one-man campaign to get himself into the ring with Boxing's Murder, Joe.

Neither was there any love in the eyes of Arturo Godoy, a swarthy Chilean, who, upon hearing about Burman's campaign, summoned the boxing hordes to the office of his manager and announced:

"I go back to South America if Mike Jacobs don't give me a return match with Joe Louis." Godoy went 15 rounds with the champion a few weeks ago.

Prefers Court Game. John Cobb, Tate basketball captain-elect, is the son of Fred L. Cobb, one of the Greasy Bay Packers' directors.

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