

BASKETBALL LEAGUE OPENS TUESDAY

Sportatorial..

WARMIN' THE BENCH

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HOW TO MAKE A FEW BUCKS

In sports, they have an old adage. It's not as old as Conne Mack or a PX candy bar but it's pretty old, at that. In sports they say: "Never bet against Joe Louis, Notre Dame or the Yankees."

A lot of men have become rich by following to the letter this good, sound advice. A friend of mine, named Sure Thing Benny, does nothing all year long but bet on Joe Louis, Notre Dame and the Yankees and he has found it a nice, comfortable way of making a living. He bets on the Yankees in the summer and in the fall he starts betting all the money he won with the Yankees on Notre Dame. He bets on Joe Louis all the year round, in and out of season.

Sure Shot Benny's no sucker, of course. He spends his winters on the race track circuit betting on shoo-in favorites to show. In this manner he has made himself a neat little pile.

Benny thinks that guys who bet against Joe Louis are dopes. He points out that Sergeant Joe has had 57 fights in his career, winning 49 by knockouts and seven by decision and losing the grand total of one. This misfortune occurred June 19, 1936, when Max Schmeling stiffened Sergeant Joe in the 12th heat of their fight at Madison Square Garden. The next time Der Schmeling climbed into the ring with the Sergeant, Joe laid him next to the floorboards in less than two minutes.

From the time Joe won the championship from Plain James Braddock in June, 1937, until the day he joined the Army in January, 1942, he fought 21 times (more than any other heavyweight champion), won 19 of his fights by knockouts (more than any other heavyweight champion) and the other two by decision. Of the two men who managed to last the distance with Joe (Tommy Farr and Auturo "Goodboy" Godoy), only one (Farr) still survives. Sergeant Joe fought Goodboy a second time, ceasing him in six rounds.

Betting against Joe Louis is like scaling your dough across the Potomac. It ain't profitable.

Now, take Notre Dame. Guys who bet against Notre Dame should never be given any money to play with. If they were responsible people they'd know that Notre Dame always wins big ones and frequently wins them all.

The Irish first came into national football prominence in 1913 when a team coached by Jess Harper, quarterbacked by Gus Dorias and left-ended by a fellow called Knute Rockne, walloped the Army, 35 to 13. The 1913 Notre Dame team was undefeated and South Bend, Ill., that year was established as the football capital of the nation.

Rockne assumed the coaching mantle in 1918 after serving four years as Harper's assistant. When Rockne died in 1931 his teams had won 105 games, lost 12 and tied five. By that time there were only two men left in the country who would dare bet against the Irish. One of them lived in a cave and the other one lived in a barrel.

Rockne's successors, first Hunk Anderson, then Elmer Layden, had tough sledding for awhile but although their teams never won a national championship, they were always the teams to beat but one. Frank Leahy, latest Notre Dame coach, won the mythical national title his first year at South Bend and he may be on his way to another this fall.

Anyhow, betting against Notre Dame is like eating soup with an ear spoon. No sense to it.

The sorriest specimens you'll ever see in your life are guys who bet against the Yankees. They are absolutely hopeless and far beyond the aid of their fellow men. All a fellow can do is take their money and smile.

The Yankees have won 14 pennants and 10 World Championships since 1923, when they won their first flag. Miller Huggins, the Yanks' first successful manager, won the first six pennants and Joe McCarthy, who has a chin like a snow plow, won the other eight. McCarthy has won the World Series seven times, more often than any other dugout Disraeli.

Moreover, the Yankees have won seven of the last eight American League flags and six of the last eight World Championships. In their history, they have lost the fall classic only four times, twice to the Giants and twice to the Cardinals.

Betting against the Yankees—like betting against Notre Dame and Joe Louis—is like trying to sell Martha Washington's girdle to Gypsy Rose Lee. You'll never make a dime that way.

Bowling League to Be Organized

Formation of a bowling league is now in progress, according to an announcement by Lt. John J. Berman, Athletic Director.

The Buhl Club USO, in Sharon, has informed Lt. Berman that the men of Camp Reynolds may have access to their bowling alleys for the purpose of league competition. Tentative arrangements call for the match games to be rolled Monday evenings, at 9:00 and Sunday afternoons.

Any group or organization interested in entering this league should contact Lt. Berman, building T-1039 (ext. 385).

OFFICIALS NEEDED

Experienced basketball referees are wanted to officiate in the Post Basketball League. Officials who qualify will be paid by the Post



"BUT HOW WERE YOU BOYS EVER ABLE TO RECOGNIZE ME WITH MY MASK ON?"

Sport Slants From Other Camps

By Camp Newspaper Service
Leon (Goose) Goslin, American League batting champion in 1928, is working on a lathe in a Philadelphia war plant.

Two members of the National League Champion St. Louis Cardinals and one stalwart of the third place Brooklyn Dodgers were called to the colors last week. The Cardinals lost Outfielder **Harry Walker** and Pitcher **Alpha Brazle**, both inducted at **Jefferson Barracks, Mo.** The Dodgers lost **Kirby Higbe**, right-handed speedball specialist, who entered the Army at **Ft. Jackson.**

Lt. John Kimbrough, All-American fullback at Texas A. and M. in 1939 and 1940, has reported for duty at **Kirtland, N. M.** after completing his training at the **Marfa, Tex.** twin-engine advanced flying school.

Sparkplug of the **Lakehurst (N. J.) Naval Air Station** grid team this fall is a **Marine** paratrooper once given up for dead on a South Pacific battlefield. He is **Pfc. John Dudenake** who was struck by an explosive shell and injured so badly that a passing captain thought he was dead. Later he was picked up and taken to a South Pacific hospital where he recovered, was shipped home and stationed at **Lakehurst.**

Top grid backfield of the country is playing for the **Del Monte (Cal.) Preflight** team this year. It consists of **Parker Hall**, All American from "Old Miss" and triple threat champ from the **Cleveland Rams**; **Len Eshmont**, speedy little back of **Fordham** and the **New York Giants**; **Paul Christman**, Missouri passer and **Jim McDonald**, blocking back from **Ohio State.**

Sgt. Joe Louis and **Cpl. Ray Robinson** will conclude the first phase of their schedule of boxing exhibitions early in November after reaching the Pacific Coast. Their California schedule follows: **Camp Beale**, Nov. 1; **Mather Field**, Nov. 2; **Ft. Ord**, Nov. 3; **Camp Roberts**, Nov. 4; **Camp Cook**, Nov. 12 and **Santa Ana Air Base**, Nov. 15.

Lt. Ben Johnson, Columbia University's great sprinter, recently graduated from officer candidate school and now is studying target recognition at **Camp Davis, N. C.**

F-Sgt. Dorothy Auman, top kick of the **Keesler Field WAC Detachment**, has beaten male GIs three times in bowling tournaments. Her average is better than 140.

Officers Invited
Officers of the post wishing to participate in organized sports are invited to come to the gym in building T-975 on Wednesday evenings. Basketball, volley ball and badminton are the sports to be played.

It is hoped to form an officers league in these activities. Any officer or organization interested contact **Lt. John Berman**, building T-1039 (ext. 385). Should the response warrant, other gyms on the post are available.

When a tavern keeper charged them 56 cents more than the ceiling price on 14 bottles of beer, seven soldiers from **Fort Omaha, Nebr.**, entered suit in municipal court. They were awarded \$600.

The man we would rather see right than the president is **Senator Downey**. He believes the war with Germany will be over in four months.

FOUR GAMES FIRST NIGHT

Two Recreation Halls To Be Used For Cage Contests.

The Post Basketball League will get under way next Tuesday evening with four games scheduled. Two recreation halls will be used for league games.

The League will play Tuesday and Thursday of each week. The first half will close December 14, with the second half to begin January 11 and close March 16. The winners of the respective halves will meet to determine the league championship.

The first half schedule (first two games mentioned to be played in Building T-675, and the second two in Building T-975) is as follows:

- November 2**
- Hq. Co. vs. C. & A.
- QM No. 2 vs. DEML.
- M. P. vs. Finance.
- Adm. vs. P. G.
- November 4**
- C. & A. vs. Finance.
- Station Hospital vs. QM No. 2.
- QM No. 1 vs. DEML.
- Hq. Co. vs. Adm.
- November 9**
- C. & A. vs. P. G.
- M. P. vs. QM No. 2.
- Station Hospital vs. DEML.
- QM No. 1 vs. Adm.
- November 11**
- QM No. 2 vs. Adm.
- Hq. Co. vs. DEML.
- Finance vs. P. G.
- Station Hospital vs. M. P.
- November 16**
- Finance vs. DEML.
- QM No. 1 vs. QM No. 2.
- Station Hospital vs. Hq. Co.
- C. & A. vs. Adm.
- November 18**
- M. P. vs. P. G.
- Hq. Co. vs. Finance.
- DEML vs. Adm.
- QM No. 1 vs. C. & A.
- November 23**
- QM No. 2 vs. P. G.
- Station Hospital vs. C. & A.
- QM No. 1 vs. Finance.
- M. P. vs. Adm.
- November 30**
- QM No. 2 vs. Hq. Co.
- DEML vs. P. G.
- Station Hospital vs. Finance.
- QM No. 1 vs. M. P.
- December 2**
- Finance vs. M. P.
- DEML vs. C. & A.
- Hq. Co. vs. P. G.
- Station Hospital vs. Adm.
- December 7**
- QM No. 1 vs. P. G.
- QM No. 2 vs. C. & A.
- DEML vs. M. P.
- Adm. vs. Finance.
- December 9**
- Station Hospital vs. P. G.
- QM No. 1 vs. Hq. Co.
- QM No. 2 vs. Finance.
- M. P. vs. C. & A.
- December 14**
- Station Hospital vs. QM No. 1.

PLANS MADE FOR WINTER

Boxing Shows To Be Resumed When Talent Is Available.

Plans involving many winter sports are under consideration by the sports department of the special service branch, under supervision of Lt. John J. Berman.

Volley ball and regular weekly basketball games predominate the list. These basketball games will be those played by the post leagues and the team representing Reynolds which will play many outstanding teams from this part of the country.

The post league will operate Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The first game starting at 6:45 and the second at 8:00. The schedule of the team representing the post will be released shortly.

Indoor boxing shows will be resumed as soon as there are more trained athletes available. Men wishing to participate in boxing, or any type of sport, should contact Lt. Berman, building T-1039 (ext. 385).

Athletic Office for their services For further information contact Lt. J. J. Berman, Post Athletic Officer, Building T-1039 Evt. 385.

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