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Camp Reynolds Sports In Review

REYNOLDS HOOPSTER TOPS ALL

BUTLER STARS FOR REYNOLDS

Highlights 1943

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When Lt. John J. Berman, former all-around athlete at Cincinnati University, assumed the duties of Post Athletic Officer back in January, 1943, athletics were as dead as the Japs on Tarawa. Since then, however, the sports program at Camp Reynolds has advanced with tremendous strides until it now rivals those of the largest Army posts.

Following a few weeks of preparation, the sports parade began with an amateur boxing show April 12 at T-1275. Among the celebrities who attended were George Chip, former middleweight champion; Art Rooney, owner of the Steagles Professional football club; Barney McGinley, boxing promoter at Pittsburgh; and Buff Donelli, ex-gridiron mentor at Duquesne.

A \$300 donation made by the Bnai Brith Auxiliary at Youngstown after an appeal by Sports Editor Frank Ward of the Vindicator allayed the cost of equipment. When an ensuing show brought about by the efforts of Tom Carney, Mahoney County Commissioner; Del Courtney, manager of the PickOhio Hotel, Youngstown, and Ward caught on to the tune of \$1,800, the future success of boxing shows on the post was assured.

Sgt. Joe Louis, Cpl. Ray Robinson, Pvt. Harry Schneider and Fritzie Zivic were a few of the names which highlighted the succeeding months of activity within the squared circle. Naturally, "King Joe" took top honors, drawing upwards of 10,000 fans for his three-round exhibition with 1st Sgt. George Nicholson. Others in the troupe included Sgt. Jimmy Edgar, ranking welterweight, Cpl. Jackie Wilson, classy 147-pounder, and Cpl. "Sugar" Ray Robinson, the uncrowned welterweight champ.

Pittsburgh's favorite boxer, Fritzie Zivic, appeared at camp August 12 to referee several bouts on the weekly show. During the next few months several other "names" in the profession performed here, but the boy who really captured the fancy of fight fans was a young amateur, Pvt. Harry Schneider. Now seeing service overseas, this likable welterweight from Pittsburgh scored twelve victories in thirteen starts. Suffering a fluke TKO in his first outing, Schneider later came back to knock-out his sole conqueror. When he's through with the biggest fight of his life, Schneider will be one of the bright stars of pugilism.

Sgt. Bill Walsh, who served as announcer all year, drew many laughs with his entertaining way of presenting boxers. Many visiting newspapermen labeled him as "big time". Cpl. Harry Caplan handled the publicity work in a highly professional manner. Others who contributed to the success of the 24 boxing shows presented at Camp Reynolds during 1943 were Sgt. Joe Tonetti, Pfc. "Tiger" Joe Randall, Pfc. Alan Acker, Pvt. Joe Severino, Pvt. Sal Algeria, and Pvt. Al Palumbo. Capt. M. H. Tolochko of the Medical Corps acted as examining physician, and Chaplain Francis X. Cronin and C. W. O. Stanley W. Spencer served frequently as judges.

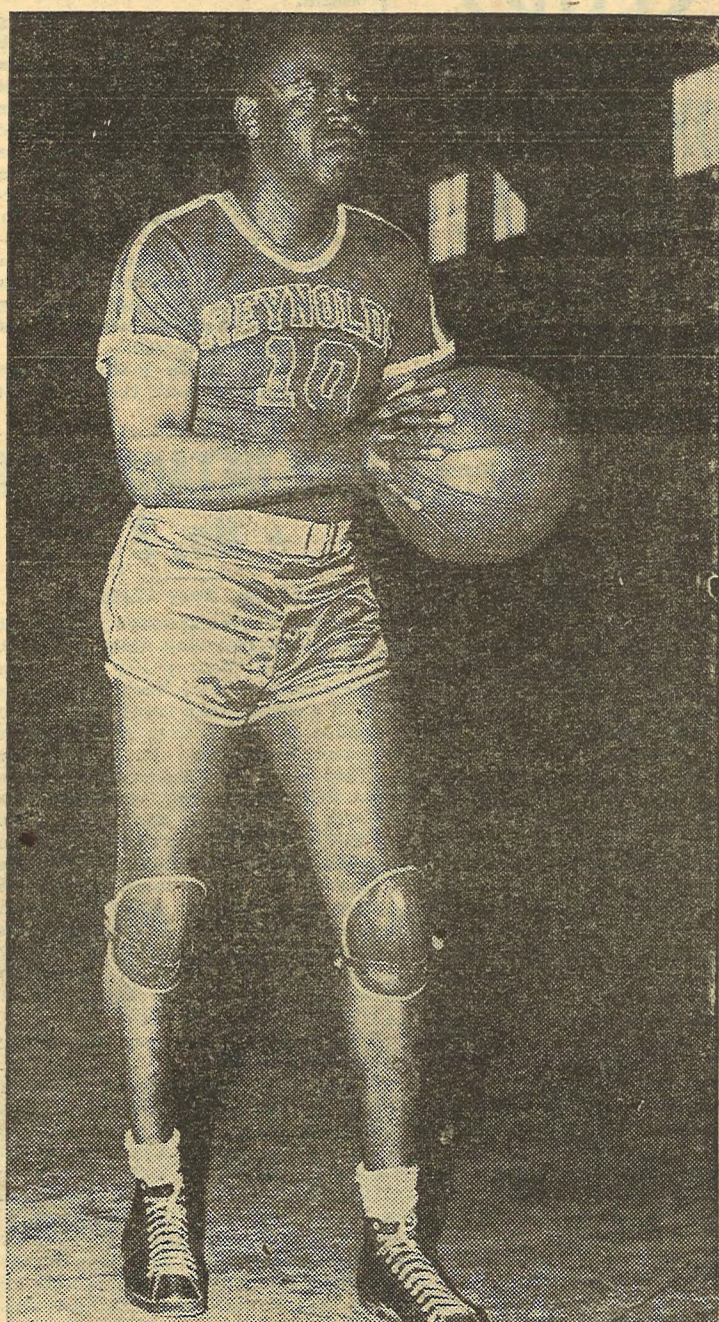
After a belated start the first issue of the Post basketball league culminated in May with Quartermaster No. 1 defeating the Medical Detachment in the playoffs. Once again these teams are in the limelight as the first half of the 1943-44 Camp Reynolds basketball league prepares to crown a champion. Competition among the ten teams was so close that three quintets ended their activities for the year with identical records of 8 victories and one defeat. On January 18, the first night of the playoffs, will find the Medics opposing the Quartermasters, while two days later, Headquarters Company, the recipient of a bye, will meet the winner for the first-half title. Sgt. Ben Cooper, Hq. Co., led the loop's scorers with 148 markers.

Composed of former college and pro stars, the Camp Reynolds Indians, post basketball team, had a record of three victories and six defeats before the Christmas holidays brought a two-week layoff. Despite their poor performance on paper, the hoopsters are built along strong lines, boasting several talented performers. Pvt. Alan Acker, formerly with the Kingston Colonials Pro Club, is coach, while other standouts include Sgt. Bob Lambert of Lincoln (Pa.) University, and the Renaissance Five; Cpl. Marty Hart, Wake Forest College; Pvt. Clarence Butler, Murray State Teachers; and Sgt. Cooper.

Throughout the season the presence of such great ball players as Pvt. Johnny Mills of Hofstra; Pfc. Sammy Kaplan of Kate Smith's Celtics; Lt. John Marks of William and Mary; Pvt. Bill Wood, Villanova; and Pvt. Norbert Coty, Notre Dame, added dash and color to the season's schedule. Of the regulars, Butler was well ahead in the race for scoring honors, boasting 106 points as opposed to his nearest competitor, Cooper, with 34.

The lack of enough good players prevented the formation of a hard ball club. However such top flight diamond men as 1st. Sgt. Jack Webb, infielder-outfielder property of the Boston Red Sox, and Cpl. Bill Cox, formerly with the Pittsburgh Pirates, tried fervently to organize a team. Now the top-kick in Company F, 10th Battalion, Webb played with Tiffin in the Ohio State League; Elmira in the Eastern League; and Little Rock in the Southern Association. With any kind of baseball talent turning up at camp within the next few months, 1st. Sgt. Webb hopes to start plans for a post team.

A six team bowling league has been in operation for two months. The 50 odd keglers who see competition in this tourney each pay 50 cent weekly fee to help offset the cost of transportation and use of the alleys. Matches are played at USO Buhl Club, Sharon, Pa., and at the present time the tournament leader is the Fifth Regiment, with a record of 14 victories, 7 defeats, and an average score of 974.



Former star at Lincoln (Pa.) University who will be in the starting lineup when the Camp Reynolds Indians oppose Bethany College and Carnegie Tech ASTP this week-end. Lambert also saw basketball action with the famous Renaissance club.

Scores 29 Points As Quintet Reverses An Earlier Setback.

Recording one of the biggest upsets of the current basketball season, the Camp Reynolds Indians thoroughly defeated Westminster College, 64-45 on home grounds Tuesday night. Paced by Pvt. Clarence Butler whose 29 points took scoring honors for the game, the soldiers ran up an early lead which they never relinquished. This was the second engagement between these teams, the first going to the collegiates, 46-29, in a contest played at New Wilmington, November 27.

Before the victors could tally a field goal, they were behind 10-1. With the aid of a fast breaking offense the Indians continued to outscore their opponents stretching the margin to 49-23 just before the close of the third period. Early in the final session the boys of "Pappy" Washabaugh made a gallant comeback attempt which fell short at 50-40. From here on they were outplayed 14-5 as the home team won going away.

Playing his first game with Camp Reynolds, Pvt. Bob Kane, former LIU star was very impressive, while Pvt. Harry Renner and Cpl. Marty Hart looked great in holding the highly touted Noble Jorgenson to 13 points of which only 6 were the result of field goals. Coach Pvt. Alan Acker also received the plaudits of the capacity crowd as a result of his deadly accuracy in set shots. Taking only eight heaves the entire evening, Acker, a former star with the House of David quintet, made good on six.

BETHANY HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

Quintet At Sharon USO Saturday for Game With Carnegie Tech ASTP.

With contests scheduled for both Friday and Saturday, the Reynolds Indians face a hectic weekend. Tomorrow night's clash at T-675 at 8:00 p. m. finds the soldiers opposing a strong Bethany College five, well sprinkled with noted collegiate cage stars. The next evening, Stan Gaza leads the Carnegie Tech ASTP quintet into the USO Buhl Club at Sharon, Pa.

Undefeated in two starts, the Bethany club boasts the presence of Bill Gault, Henry Knoche, Luther Rhine and Gordon Stewart, transfers from Washington and Jefferson; Don Gaches, Frank Ganzelmar, Joe Maestro, and Tom Weeter of Westminster; and Orvis Milner, Tennessee, in addition to the local talent. Camp Reynolds will be providing the West Virginia hoopsters with their first real test of the season as their opposition to date has merely consisted of Geneva and 217th Military Police.

As an added attraction to the Carnegie - Reynolds engagement, plans call for a dance to follow the court contest. Regarded by most experts as one of the greatest hoopsters to show in these parts, Gaza will be the man to watch. The game is slated to start at 7:30 p. m. with admission free.

season (1 game); Station Complement, 1151; individual high score for season (3 games): S-Sgt. Sutherland, 594; individual high game for season (1 game): Pfc. Zilembo, 233; individual high average for season: M-Sgt. Edwin Cuppernall, T-5 William Cohen, 174.

Call for Referees

All men in camp experienced in refereeing basketball games are requested to contact Lt. John J. Berman at the Post Athletic Office, T-1039 (Ext. 385). Special compensation will be awarded to all men who work games.

The University of Iowa will perpetuate the memory of Ens. Nile Kinnick, All American quarterback in 1939 who died last June when his Navy fighter plane crashed at sea, with the annual award of a gold medallion to the student judged most like him.

Enthusiasm Helps Reynolds Indians Win

"We did it for Lt. Berman," Camp Reynolds hoopsters cried after defeating Westminster in one of the season's biggest upsets, 65-45, Tuesday night. Just a few hours before game-time, the basketball players learned the news that Lt. John J. Berman had become the father of a baby girl. To celebrate the event in auspicious style, the cagers played their best game of the campaign to win for the likeable post athletic officer.

located in the Fifth Regiment. Facilities are available for golf driving practice, miniature golf, archery, badminton, horse-shoe pitching and volleyball. For winter sports, three skating rinks are available on the camp grounds.

The job performed by Capt. Maxcie O. Brock, Special Service Officer, Lt. Berman, and their competent staff has left little to be desired in the field of sports.

No matter how tough the obstacles may be the American soldier continues to "play ball." As long as this condition prevails, the fighting spirit of America can never die.

BOWLERS BEGIN LEAGUE PLAY

Six Teams Play Monday Night at Sharon USO Alleys.

Following a two week layoff due to the recent holidays, the Camp Reynolds Bowling League resumes activity next Monday evening at the USO Buhl Club, Sharon, Pa. Six teams are slated for competition with the Third Regiment opposing the Second Regiment on Alleys 11 and 12; Station Complement meeting Fourth Regiment on 9 and 10; and Fifth Regiment hooking up with First Regiment on 7 and 8. The standings follow:

Team:	W	L	Av.
Fifth Regiment	14	7	974
Fourth Regiment	13	8	955
Sta. Complement	12	9	950
First Regiment	10	11	912
Third Regiment	7	14	910
Second Regiment	7	14	910

Additional Statistics: Team high set for season (3 games); Station Complement, 3288; team high set for

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