

GUARDIAN SPORTING NEWS

FORUM HEALTH—AND PLEASURE
JOIN HUNDREDS OF SKATING ENTHUSIASTS
TO-NIGHT

Hope held for Opening of Racing season

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17—(AP)—Hope bloomed anew along Santa Anita's famed horse row today. Track officials expressed confidence the multi-million dollar turf meeting would get under way sooner or later—possibly by Jan. 15.

Hundreds of horsemen might have been indulging in wishful thinking, but they went about their usual training chores and work continued toward getting the plant in readiness for a season whose original opening date of Dec. 31 was cancelled two days ago by army request.

From San Francisco Lt.-Gen. John L. DeWitt, commander of the fourth army, issued what the track termed a "clarifying" statement given in response to a query by General Manager Charles H. Strub of Santa Anita, it read: "On Jan. 15, or any other date, the situation is alleviated there will be no objection to opening Santa Anita Race Track."

Louis, DiMaggio And Williams Most prominent

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—(AP)—The three athletes most prominent in sports during 1941 were Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams and Joe Louis, 82 sports experts participating in the annual Associated Press poll agree.

DiMaggio's name appeared first on 42 ballots and either second or third on 20 others as tribute to his record-smashing feat of hitting in 56 consecutive league games and leading New York Yankees to the pennant and world championship. His tremendous margin over Williams, who won the league batting championship with a .406 average and the home run title as well, was due, perhaps, to Jolting Joe's ability to lift the entire Yankee team with him to winning heights.

In the voting, DiMaggio polled a total of 157 points to 74 for Williams, who received only five first-place votes. Louis, who defended his world heavyweight title seven times during the year, was so far ahead of the realm of boxing that there wasn't even a contest. Still he received only 10 first-place ballots and 64 points.

The United States Open Golf Champion, Craig Wood, earned fourth place on the list with 27 points.

Seven records Broken by American League

CHICAGO, Dec. 17—(AP)—Seven fielding records were broken or equaled in the 1941 American League baseball season, official averages disclosed today, and accounting for almost half of them was the veteran Bill Dickey, New York Yankee catcher.

Dickey, for the 13th year, caught 100 or more games—a major league record. The fact his achievement came in successive years was another new mark. He tied the third record by catching a double play unassisted against St. Louis.

In addition, Dickey led all catchers in fielding with 994 the same figure that won him a tie for first last season.

Meanwhile, he and his teammates established a double play record of 196 first basemen of the league combined to establish another mark when five of them finished with 100 or more apiece.

Tying modern major league records were pitcher Johnny Babich of Philadelphia Athletics, Pinky Higgins of Detroit and Luke Appling of Chicago's White Sox. Babich had five putouts in one game. Higgins and Appling shared a comic role—each had three errors in one inning.

Dickey was one of three players repeating their top field performances of 1940. Lou Boudreau, new Cleveland manager, again led the shortstops with 966 and George McQuinn of St. Louis Browns, the first baseman, with 995.

Other No. 1 fielders for their respective positions were second baseman Charlie Gehringer of Detroit, 982; third baseman Ken Keltner of Cleveland, 971; outfielder Mike Kreevich, Chicago, 994 and pitcher Eidon Auker, St. Louis, Auker, one of 25 pitchers who played errorless ball, was ranked first by virtue of handling the most chances—97 in 94 games.

Cleveland, tied with New York last year for team fielding honors, was in first place alone this year with 976.

Dukes flooded With candidates

TORONTO, Dec. 17—(CP)—Toronto Marlboros of the Ontario Hockey Association Senior "A" series, short on victories and players all season, are getting a flood of candidates out to practice these nights. Coach Eddie Powers said today that he hasn't seen so many players all winter. Latest newcomer is the veteran Casey Bradshaw, expected to fit in on the second forward line.

Bruins recall Thompson

BOSTON, Dec. 17—(AP)—Boston Bruins tonight recalled Cliff Thompson, the fourth local player they have signed in their history, from their Hershey farm in the American Hockey League.

Thompson, a product of nearby Stoneham, turned professional about two months ago after starting for Boston Olympics of the Eastern United States Amateur Hockey League for several seasons. He is a left winger.

Manager Art Ross of the Bruins said Thompson would accompany his club to Montreal and would dress for Saturday night's game with the Canadiens. His chances of playing, however, depend upon the condition of Roy Conacher, now out with a groin injury. Thompson's recall followed the outright sale of Robert (Red) Hemill, also a left winger, to Chicago Black Hawks.

Curtailment of Intercollegiate Sport studied

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 17—(AP)—Faced with a war-imposed academic speed-up, athletic directors of the "Big Three" today studied the possibility of a curtailment of intercollegiate sports activities at Harvard, Yale and Princeton.

The question was thrust sharply upon them by a report from Dartmouth that it would abandon its spring athletic program. The Harvard Indians regularly have engaged the "Big Three" in baseball and track.

Only William J. Bingham, athletic director at Harvard, would say flatly that his university would "carry on as usual."

Leaf defence Improved most

TORONTO, Dec. 17—(CP)—Turd Broda, Toronto Maple Leaf goaltender who leads the National Hockey League in shutouts, said today that in his opinion the most improved part of the team is the defence.

Young Canada Night at Gardens

TORONTO, Dec. 17—(CP)—Young Canada night will be celebrated at Maple Leaf Gardens next Saturday when Toronto Maple Leafs meet Chicago Black Hawks in a National Hockey League game. Persons buying two seats for the game will be given an extra ticket with the suggestion they bring a youngster.

Stewart holds Scoring lead

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 17—(CP)—Ken Stewart of Kansas City Americans picked up two assists during the week ended Dec. 14 to hold

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his lead in the American Hockey Association scoring race. The former Lethbridge, Alta., star has nine goals and 14 assists with a total of 23 points.

Best Peet of Fort Worth added three points and remained in second place with a total of 20.

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BOWLING

CH'TOWN ALLEYS

Commercial League

Emmett's Bakery: 193 203 244
 J. McNamee 238 292 197
 C. LeClair 213 210 198
 P. Ready 236 257 180
 J. Gallant 180 180 368
 Total—3389.

R. A. F.—

Lamb 172 146 211
 Brown 193 133 186
 Lawson 221 268 185
 Hillan 206 221 177
 Leigh 225 253 217
 Total—3012.
 High single J. McLeod 368.
 High three J. McLeod 728.
 Emmetts Bky 5 pts; R.A.F. 0 pts.

STANDING OF LEAGUES

City League:—Points 6 1/2
 Corvettes 7
 Pirates 5 1/2
 Patriots 5
 Five Aces

Commercial League

V. Club 21 1/2
 Blitzes 19
 Emmett's Bakery 16 1/2
 R. A. F.

HOLY NAME BOWLING

Big Four League

Corvettes:—
 A. Burke 164 229 230
 W. McNeill 184 231 314
 J. Lawler 226 217 246
 H. Laphorn 147 233 268
 R. Bradley 181 166 145
 Total—3241.

Old Timers:—

R. Duncan 158 209 240
 V. Coyle 187 283 210
 J. Hughes 167 169 320
 A. Bentley 373 186 250
 Rev. Dr. McMahon 163 210 185
 Total—3210.
 High single J. A. Bentley 373.
 High three J. A. Bentley 809.
 Corvettes 3 points; Old Timers 2 points.
 Next game in this league Friday night at 9 o'clock: All Stars vs. Five Aces.

Wednesday Afternoon League

Forget-me-nots:—

M. Allan 153 119 148
 H. Stacey 132 121 204
 O. Livingstone 175 162 157
 R. Cameron 104 105 151
 N. Longworth 119 147 94
 Total—2091.

Daisies:—

Mrs. Hooper 110 89 130
 Mrs. Kennedy 131 151 165
 Mrs. Campbell 95 105 133
 Mrs. Dunning 88 111 88
 Mrs. Irvine 130 175 120
 Total—1821.
 Snapdragons:—
 Mrs. Bell 155 216 187

Billy Conn to Enlist Monday

By Al Colletti
 Canadian Press Staff Writer

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—(CP)—Cuff Notes: Former light-heavyweight champion Billy Conn is scheduled to enlist in the U.S. Navy Monday. It is believed he will be more a chief petty officer at \$96 a month and probably will be stationed at the naval training station at Norfolk, Va. After enlisting Billy expects to get a month's furlough to fulfill his present schedule that calls for him to engage in three "tune-up" bouts prior to meeting Tony Zale, middleweight champion, at the Garden Feb. 13. Promoter Mike Jacobs is awaiting Curt Hornam's okay to match Ray Robinson, unbeaten Harlem Negro, with Maxie Berger, Montreal welter, for the Garden's open date Jan. 2. Berger has already signed for his end of the match.

Bowling At S'side Alleys

CAPITOL BOWLING ALLEYS

Oddfellows
 Oldham 140 114 142
 Bouchard 175 214 159
 Halley 162 241 150
 Lowe 209 199 268
 Konez 190 252 235
 Parks 197 167 144
 Total—2982.

Greasers

Sullivan 180 236 124
 Buck 199 173 159
 Susisbury 139 132 189
 Gates 128 176 130
 Sproule 179 171 165
 Dewar 141 178 130
 Total—2545.

Popes

McHenry 162 188 130
 Williams 181 141 208
 Vesey 180 131 309
 Mackie 127 157 180
 Dunham 162 134 147
 Hutcheon 176 201 184
 Total—2464.

Gyros

King 152 209 150
 Dean 163 127
 Belcher 171 239 135
 Martin 199 156
 Grant 190 161 121
 Britnell 225 183 197
 Total—2770.

R. C. A. F. LEAGUE

Loafers

Skinner 232 132 175
 McDonald 156 171 156
 McDonnell 211 182 311
 Anderson 135 216 196
 St. Germain 239 216 179
 Ewing 176 213 196
 Total—2935.

Boosters

Baggett 143 147 217
 Arbuthnot 221 161 177
 Bratton 208 220 154
 Thompson 193 189 251
 Peel 179 126 208
 Rosebrough 240 154 236
 Total—2990.

Da-dits

Wood 145 153 85
 Whittier 189 152 235
 Petersen 150 172 228
 York 124 177 128
 Schlifer 188 154 82
 Jones 173 209
 Total—2515.

Short Circuits

McCausland 146 163 163
 McIntyre 178 185 219
 Lariel 184 214 279
 Rought 158 131 164
 Monie 154 287 166
 Wilde 106 168
 Total—2680.

Victorias lose Fred Johnstone

NORTH SYDNEY, N.S., Dec. 17—(CP)—Left-winger Fred Johnstone was lost to North Sydney Victorias of the Cape Breton Hockey League today when the Royal Canadian Air Force notified him he was being transferred to Ottawa. Johnstone, a native of Brandon, Man., is a Sergeant Air Gunner in the R.C.A.F. He had been one of the main offensive cogs of the second-place Vics, with 10 goals and five assists to his credit to date.

Remember When

(By The Canadian Press)
 Harold (Jug) McSpaden of Winchester, Mass., won the \$10,000 open golf tournament at Miami three years ago. He had a 72-hole score of 275, five under par and one stroke ahead of Henry Picard of Hershey, Pa.

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



OUR BOARDING HOUSE

By George McManus



BRINGING UP FATHER

By George McManus



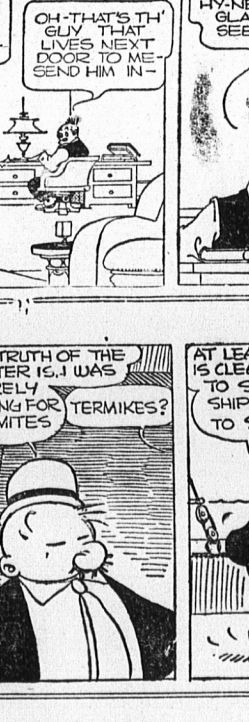
Thimble Theatre--Starring POPEYE

By Edwina



TIPPIE AND "CAP" STUBBS

By Edwina



TILLIE THE TOILER--CONFRONTED BY THE LAW!

By Westover

