

Grid Gab Sessions Dear To All Service Men

BILL CUNNINGHAM

BOSTON, Monday, Dec. 1.—The football season has gandered on past us and it's to be hoped that nobody forgot the boys in the service, for it's been evident from the mail that they didn't forget us—or football. I've been running practically a private mail business in football information, answering letters that have come from practically all over the hemisphere and some even from England and Scotland.

The following letter is not by any means the most unusual, the most inspiring, or even the funniest, but, as a good average sample of what football has meant to these men, I'm sharing it with you:

"... the main thing is that I think I have a little human interest angle to tell about it. The principal character is an old Harvard football player, who, like myself, was one of the inevitable casualties of 'The Battle of the Carolinas.'"

"My friend, Joe Butler of the Providence Journal always says, 'If you have something you think a sports writer can use, for goodness sake, send it, and let him be the judge. Give him all the data you have even if you don't think it's important. You might save his life—or even his job.' So here goes.

"I am director of the Rhode Island State Health Department Laboratories and was a candidate for a Doctor of Public Health degree at M. I. T. This fall, but was called to active service and ordered to the First Education Hospital at Rockingham, N. C., for the two months' maneuvers. We handled the sick and injured of nine divisions and, in the process, I picked up one of the bugs, or a million of 'em maybe, was flattened myself and shipped to Fort Bragg."

Poker Players Smoke Thermometer

"When I began to show an interest in things, the nurse brought me some of the usual elevating literature somebody seems to think soldiers prefer, the gaudier and bawdier type of pictorial magazines, for instance, but in the batch, apparently by accident, was a Harvard-Dartmouth: football program of October 18. In there, I read and enjoyed your opus entitled, 'Meet Mr. Flynn of Harvard,' and I was enticed to active service, and ordered to the First Education Hospital at Rockingham, N. C., for the two months' maneuvers. We handled the sick and injured of nine divisions and, in the process, I picked up one of the bugs, or a million of 'em maybe, was flattened myself and shipped to Fort Bragg."

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And What Are You Doing?

I don't know my pre-war Brown as well as I might, but I'm presuming that this is Spike Staff, of whom I've heard sundry grizzled Bruins speak many times with respect and affection. But, whether or no, look where those old football players are! These are mature men. These mentioned that I know about somewhere on this enormous post in the field artillery of the Regular Army. I hope to find him when I'm able to get out and really look around yours...

“EDGAR J. STAFF, S. C. R., U. S. A.”

“I managed a furlough to see the Duke-North Carolina game last Saturday and had a grand reunion with Wally Wade, who played the other guard from me for Brown that day in Pasadena. He said Col. John Butler, who played end in that game, paired with Bill Ormsby, later the celebratory and peppy end coach at Boston College, is here later on this enormous post in the field artillery of the Regular Army. I hope to find him when I'm able to get out and really look around yours...”

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TROPHY DESERVED

Miners Capture Soccer Honors

There's no question about it now... the Black Diamond Miners were the best soccer team during the first-half year they earned the Roosevelt Trophy they capped by beating Ravensdale yesterday, 1-0, after Glaser 7-up failed in its late comeback losing to the Miners, who were held to a tie by Mrs. Wickman's Pies, 1-1. The game drew an enthusiastic crowd to Lower Woodland Park.

But soccer folk expect the Diamonds to have rougher sailing in the second half. Wickman's Pies were rolling in recent weeks. H. M. S. Warspite sailors always are dangerous. Glaser's may take a new lease on life and the tail-enders, Roller Bowl and Ravensdale, strengthened so much in recent weeks they look strong.

In addition, the Vikings are re-organizing and probably will enter a team. Andrew Bjerkseth, chairman of the Vikings committee, has called for a turnout at Lower Woodland next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Soccer teams are concerned with the next two weeks and the second-half league series opens December 21.

Clever Charlie Minaglia rushed to convert a center from Jock Shearer for the Wickman goal that wrecked Glaser's chances yesterday. Don McGregor equalized on a neat center from Tom Everham before the first half had ended but Glaser couldn't get past Fullback Karl Woehle in the second half.

Wickman's were handicapped by not having Goalie Dex Jennings yesterday but George Stoss dropped back and handled the assignment.

U. S. G. A. Sets Tourney Dates

NEW YORK, Monday, Dec. 1.—(AP)—The United States Golf Association announced its schedule of 1942 championship tournaments.

The Open will be played June 18-20 at the Interlachen Country Club, Minneapolis; the Public Links Club, Minneapolis; the Public Links Club, Denver; the Amateur Open, September 7-12 at the Del Monte (Calif.) G. & C. C., and the Women's Open, September 21-26 at the Southern Hills C. C., Tulsa, Okla.

Other dates in connection with these championships:

Open—Entries close May 25, sectional qualifying rounds to be played June 8.

Public Links—Entries for sectional qualifying close June 10; sectional qualifying between July 10 and 15; entries for qualifiers close July 16.

Amateur—Entries close August 11, sectional qualifying August 25.

Women's—Entries close September 4 (August 35 for entrants whose handicap have not been computed by authoritative committees).

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RECORD-SMASHING STEP

IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY Don Hutson, Green Bay Packers' end, caught a pass from Cecil Isbell and swivelled into the end zone a step ahead of Bob Seymour (20), Washington halfback, to score the touchdown

Don Hutson, Green Bay Packers' end, shattered the old record for points in a single National Pro League season. Hutson added two more points and conversions later in the game to bring his total for the year to 95 points. The old record was 79 points.—A. P. wirephoto.

Morris Leads Penguin Race

Paul Morris again proved the best "wind rider" yesterday as the Seattle Yacht Club's Penguin Fleet members staged a three-race regatta competition on Portage Bay.

The breezes were scarce, but Morris had his Mike Fright moving out better than the rest of the pack. He led the scoring after three heats with 19.3 points.

Following the leader were Bob Long, Atmosphere, 14.7; Bill Kelly, Paramount, 14.0; Ed Urban, Miss G., 12.2; Mark Mayer, 10.1; Frank James, Admiral B, 4.0; Murphy, Sail On, 3.0; Chuck Hickling, Zipper, 1.0.

The races were held at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The fleet consisted of 100 boats, ranging from 10 to 30 feet in length.

PACKERS WIN AS HUTSON SHINES

CHICAGO, Monday, Dec. 1.—(AP)—The Chicago Bears, needing only one victory to tie the Green Bay Packers for the western title of the National Football League, will have their final opponent Sunday in the fourth-place Chicago Cardinals.

The Bears must win to deadlock the Packers and force a playoff December 14 for the Western Division crown. The winner would meet the New York Giants, eastern champion, for the league championship December 21.

The Packers assured themselves of at least a tie yesterday by defeating the fading Washington Redskins, 22-17. The Bears rolled over the Philadelphia Eagles, 49-14.

In the Green Bay-Washington contest, Don Hutson, great Packers end, tied three league records and broke six, and his teammate, Cecil Isbell, threw his 15th touchdown pass of the season for a new league mark.

Before they went into their act, the Packers went through a black first half. The Redskins led Green Bay at the half, 17-0, and the Packers had to explode 22 points to win. Hutson scored all three touchdowns and booted two placements.

Here are the records set or tied by Hutson:

Booted own all-time record for passes received to 362.

Tied record for passes caught in one season, 15 (former record held by Andy Patkus, Washington, 1939).

Set all-time record for points scored in ten seasons (former record 368 in eight seasons by Jack Mackera of the Chicago Bears).

Set record for points scored in one season, 95 (former record 75 by Jack Mackera in 1934).

Increased own record for yards gained from receptions in lifetime to 4,163.

Set record for catching most touchdowns passes in one game, three, and became first player ever to achieve this record four times.

Service Elevens Tie

FRESNO, Monday, Dec. 1.—(AP)—The March 1941 Flyers and the 32nd Infantry football teams played to a 6-6 tie here yesterday.

Pro Championship Game

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Still facing the possibility of a tie in his Western Division, the National Professional Football League decided today to hold its East-West championship game December 21.

SKIFF DIVORCE SUIT IS FILED

RENO, Nev., Monday, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Bill Skiff, manager of the Seattle club of the Pacific Coast Basketball League, today filed suit to divorce Mrs. Gertrude Skiff, whom he married 27 years ago at New Rochelle, N. Y.

Skiff filed suit on grounds of more than three years' separation. They have no community property, the brief complaint stated. Their daughter, Gertrude, 13 years old, is self-supporting, according to the complaint.

The office of Lieutenant-Governor Maurice J. Sullivan, Skiff's attorney, said "the case will be tried later," indicating that Mrs. Skiff had not been served with a summons. There was no answer or power of attorney attached to the complaint.

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WEEK-END GOLF

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1940 FRESNO PARK—Tom Stone; 1st div. Morris Lenze, 20 yds. on 18 up; Scott, 18-7; Gordon Harrison, 17-7; Ray Thomson, 30-10-7; 2nd div. Frank Smith, 18 yds. from 18 up; L. A. Crawford, 17-5; Fred Ostrum, 10-20; 3rd div. Sweeney, 10-20; 4th div. Fred Ostrum, 10-20; 5th div. Fred Ostrum, 10-20; 6th div. Fred Ostrum, 10-20; 7th div. Fred Ostrum, 10-20; 8th div. Fred Ostrum, 10-20; 9th div. Fred Ostrum, 10-20; 10th div. Fred Ostrum, 10-20.

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Vitalich Leads In Spokane Pin Meet

PARISIANS, 8-2; CLIPPERS WIN

SPOKANE, Monday, Dec. 1.—Louie Vitalich of Seattle, refusing to let a sore finger ruin his bowling, led his team, grabbed the Class A singles lead in the Northwest Handicap Bowling Tournament late last night with a 256-243-212—711, rolled from scratch.

Bob Neilson, Seattle, was second with 710 and Paul Adams second with 664. The scores were with handicap benefits.

Spokane entries were in front in team events, Gladding-McBean with 2,943 in Class A and Big & Bold in Class B with 3,052. Pressing the upper bracket leader were two Seattle teams, Clark's with 2,798 and Sick's Rainiers with 2,792.

In a special match the Cammarano Squirts of the Seattle Recreation Women's League defeated Team 2-L. Inasmuch as the Clippers led Portland by a wide margin, he was more valuable on defense.

The Paris Orphans forgot how to backcheck in the second game, so the Sick shooters poured rubber at Goalie Bert Englemann as will Jack Hensley led the assault with three goals and an assist.

The barrage became so onerous that Englemann jokingly turned the net around and behind. In the final minute of play, the crowd still applauded his one-man stand against a "red hot" attack.

GREEN GETS AGE AT SEATTLE CLUB

Tom Green got a hole-in-one at the Seattle Golf Club, Jim Fraser won the National Amateur Cup at the Rainier Golf Club and Len Marklund got a "1" on his card at Lakewood that wasn't an ace. Those were the high points of local golf over the week-end.

Green's ace came at the short eighth hole of the Seattle Club. Fraser's hole-in-one nibbled shot in the jug, to the edification of Dr. A. H. Meadeworth, A. J. Schmitz and D. S. Denman, who were playing in the same foursome.

Fraser made good use of six handicap strokes to win 5 and 3, from L. Paul Fortino in the President's Cup final at Rainier. Marklund stuck his tee shot right by the cup at Lakewood's fifth hole. Cliff Sundie, his opponent at match play, putted for a 20 on a hole-in-one. "That put a '1' on the card for match purposes, but the effort did not count as a hole-in-one.

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