

Polo Parade Inside Sports - -

By Bill Maddox

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bill Maddox, State News sports writer and polo expert, is a guest writer today of the Inside Sports column. Maddox has been a keen observer of State's polo team this season, and his story presents an interesting phase of Spartan polo history.

"We have the situation well in hand," After watching his polo team go through its paces in light scrimmages this week, Coach Major Gerald Peterson voiced his prediction for the Culver battle in Dem hall Saturday night in true military manner.

And the major should know. He was a member of the first Spartan team back in 1927. Since then he has watched State become a school to be feared in the riding hall. The first squad was organized of completely inexperienced riders.

All of the horses were also green. State's only opponent that year was the Detroit Riding and Hunt club.

The following year State scheduled Culver as its first inter-school opposition. Culver has stayed here ever since and has provided the Spartan horsemen with tough fights consistently. The black horse troop ponies which they will bring north for the Saturday scrap are considered among the best in the Midwest.

State lost to Culver that year and Major Peterson graduated. Still wanting to keep in contact with the Spartans, the major helped to organize an officers' team to scrimmage the varsity. Under the name of Demagogues, the officers have formed a campus polo unit ever since.

In 1930 the cavalry department used a truck to carry horses to the games and riding shows. They still trucks mounts to the cavalry contests, but share with opponents in distant areas.

The State stables now boast 20 horses, fully broken to the four new mounts are and four others retired. Even with a well-trained crew of horses, the Spartans have been handicapped in scheduling games due to the lack of an outdoor field. Most of the teams nearby have no indoor facilities. During last summer Major Peterson laid out an outdoor field on the south side of the parade grounds.

The team is sponsored by the athletic department. Complete equipment has been obtained for \$3,600 appropriation. This resulted in another distinct benefit to students, for they are permitted free with their studies.

Bucs Crack Season Record In Trouncing Vets, 47-6

All campus intramural scoring records were shattered Wednesday night when the Buccaneers, a smooth-passing, sharp-shooting outfit, ran up a 47-6 score in trouncing the Vets in the Independent league. Roger Cessna and Bruce Latter were the chief scorers in this affair, each dropping in six field goals.

Paced by some steady shooting by Jim Rutledge, the Reds scored their second victory in as many nights by dropping the Jayvees, 19 to 11. Rutledge scored eight points for the Reds, duplicating his performance of Tuesday night when he also tossed in eight points as the Reds shaded Evergreen, 20 to 19.

LANCERS TRIUMPH
Another close verdict went to the Free Lancers when Neal and Carl Peterson and Carl Bodell each made baskets in the last half to give them a 17-13 decision over the East Lansing Independents.

Paul Currier of the winners and Angelo Guerrero of the losers each made eight points as the Olympians beat Newman club, 24 to 18. Evans Wells' seven points set the pace as Elsworth Co-op topped the Dead End Kids, 19 to 7. The House of Chaddock earned a 16-6 rout over the Campbell Kids.

FOUR FOREFEIT
With the season down to the final shift of games, several of the ball-court clubs have already thrown in the towel with the result that two games were forfeited both Tuesday and Wednesday night when team failed to appear. Winners of these forfeited contests were the Colonels, Falcons, Buck Privates and Alpha Chi Sigma.

The last four games of the regular schedule are carded for Thursday night with Mandies, Naughties meeting the Colonels, Newman Club playing Basin Street and the Buck Privates encountering Hedrick House. All at 8:45 p. m. and the Waves playing the Buccaneers at 9:30 p. m.

Student Billiard Ace
To Face Champs
Marcel Camp, American snooker champion, will demonstrate his art at the Rainbow Recreation Center across from the Union at 8:15 tonight. After showing his trick shots, Camp will play an exhibition match with E. T. Blackney, student snooker champion at the Rainbow.

Crash Is Fatal
To State Man
In U.S. Navy
Ensign Donald H. Hall of Grand Rapids became State's fifth casualty Monday when he was killed in the crash of an army bomber near Buena Vista, Va. according to a report from the war department Tuesday.

Hall, who graduated from M. S. C. Sept. 6, 1940, was married in Newport News, Va. Feb. 9 to Jane Olson, also a State graduate of that year. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnson of Benton Harbor, Mrs. Hall is an English teacher in Lakeside high school, Battle Creek. She met Hall when both were students here, and they were engaged for a year.

After receiving his B.S. in applied science, Hall took a C.A.A. flying course in Grand Rapids the following summer. In December he enlisted in the Naval Air Corps and completed his training last October.

Hall was co-pilot of the bomber which crashed into the mountains while returning from a routine flight. Six other men were killed, while two crew members escaped without serious injury.

Milwaukee Mayor
Called to Service
MILWAUKEE, Feb. 18 (CP)—One of the nation's youngest mayors, Carl Zeidler, was notified today that he soon will be called to active naval reserve duty.

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Wandering down the nation's sports trail
The Brooklyn Dodgers are at it again, for out of Miami, Fla., yesterday came the first 1942 report of weird actions by the daffiness boys. This time it was pitcher Kirby Higbe, who talked at making a plane trip to Havana, Cuba.

The reasons, well, "Kirby" had several of them. First, the club officials wouldn't let his wife come along, but the main objection was the Cuban cuisine.
"I don't like Havana. I don't like Havana food. I don't go, stated Higbe flatly.

Billy Conn was called into court yesterday because of some extraordinary pugilistic activities. It all started when Billy had what is politely called an "altercation" two days ago with Bob Price, a Pittsburgh radio sports commentator. Conn accused Price of saying unkind things on his sports program and then shoved him around a bit.

Billy promised a Pittsburgh district attorney that he would try to control his temper better in the future, and so was excused.

The Detroit Tigers broke even yesterday in their holiday battle. Catcher Birdie Tebbetts reported that he had signed his contract calling for a salary cut, but pitcher Johnny Gorsica continued the battle for more money. Pitcher Al Smith and Catcher Otto Denning were signed by the Cleveland Indians. Hal Troskey, who holds a lifetime batting average of .314 in the majors, has been placed on the retired list of the Indians at his own request, the club management reported.

Troskey was ill much of last year. Led by Manager Jimmy Wilson, 22 Chicago Cubs entrained from Chicago for the spring training camp at Catalina Island, Calif. They will be joined by 20 more players this week-end in Los Angeles.

State Matmen Spill Cornhuskers Easily

Collins Readys Team for Case, Kent

"Cut" Jennings flopped Frank Messersmith of Nebraska for the quickest fall of the evening, leading the Spartan matmen to a 20½ to 6½ victory over Nebraska in Jenison fieldhouse here Tuesday night.

Jennings took his opponent immediately into a pin-hold, finishing off the Nebraska boy in 68 seconds. Twin brother "Bo" was not able to gain a fall over Kenneth Miller but ran up some kind of a record in bout points, scoring 26 points to his opponent's 6 in the 136-pound bout.

Chester Simpson made good in his first varsity appearance, dispensing the smiling, hard-fighting little Filipino, Meyer Ueoka. Ueoka slipped a light head sensor on Simpson late in the bout for a near-fall but was not able to hold the Spartan 121-pounder to the mat.

TUFFY TOO TOUGH
In the 155-pound bout, Capt. Leiland Merrill easily ran up an early point lead on Kenneth Housemoller. Cliff Keen, Michigan coach and referee of the match, ran Housemoller off the mat in the third round for continual stalling, giving Merrill a fall and the bout as a forfeit. The Cornhusker had consistently fought against being pinned by Merrill throughout the match by never making a move unless the Spartan captain forced him into it.

Johnny Spalnik, varsity 175-pounder, fell into a freak headlock giving Nick Douvas a fall in a bout previously favored to go to the Spartans. Spalnik has consistently beaten superior men throughout the season.

BRAND ENTERS LINEUP
Coach Collins will leave this morning for Cleveland, Ohio, for a match with Case on Friday night and Kent State on Saturday. No change in the lineup used against Nebraska has been announced except in the heavyweight division, with Louis Brand replacing Mike Desdineau.

Case has had a mediocre team so far this season and should not be very tough for the Collinmen. Kent State, however, has beaten all the leading teams in Ohio, decisively this year. Coach Legida will be trying to dump State on Saturday night and keep his state clean. State's close-up against Oklahoma here last week ranks it among the nation's strongest.

Spartan Captain, Cliff Anderson will be making his last appearance at Marquette here Saturday, and will be getting off the play. Auble probably will not start. Besides Gerard, Dod Jones, Fred Stone, Bill Buck, and Mel Peterson will get the nod at sparring time. Others making the trip are Carl Petrowski, Earl Max, Clay Kwak, Roy Diehl and Nick Hanson.

This will be the rubber game in the Spartans rivalry with Marquette, for each team has won 17 games since the series opened in 1922. State, however, has won the last five in a row.

Middleweight Champion Tony Zale, who is very busy these days and resting from his boxing lesson of a week ago from Conn, declared that he intended to enlist in some military force next month. It'll be either the army or the navy, Zale declared, but "no more Conn for me."

Summary:
121—Chester Simpson (S) d. Meyer Ueoka (N), 6 to 0
127—Merrill Jennings (S) d. Frank Messersmith (N), fall, 1:08, reverse action not bar score
136—Roy Diehl (S) d. Kenneth Miller (N), 26 to 6
145—William Maxwell (S) d. Newton Gwede (N), 26 to 3
155—Leiland Merrill (S) d. Kenneth Housemoller (N), awarded fall by referee, stalling
175—Captain Ed Caprie (S) and John Meyer (N), reverse decision, 3 and 5
187—Neil Douvas (S) d. John Spalnik (N), fall, 3:00, arm and headlock
Heavyweight—Herb Jackson (S) d. Mike Desdineau (N), 20½ to 6½

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (CP)—French Ambassador Henri-Haye declared today that the Vichy government is under no pressure from Japan to cede Madagascar island, off the coast of East Africa, to the Tokyo war lords.
At the same time, the envoy told newsmen that the French have in no way exceeded the terms of the armistice signed with Nazi Germany.
Henri-Haye made the statements as he arrived at the State department for a conference of over an hour with Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles. A Japanese move toward Madagascar had been predicted in view of the strategic importance of the island to thwart Allied supply lines to the East Indies.
There is open skating from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. daily on the college rink in back of fieldhouse.

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