Rice Streeters Gun for Titles

Championships at Stake In Windup at Lexington

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Charlotte Fan Misses 16 Tilts in 21 Years

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PLAY FOR $5,000 AND VOYAGE—

Puerto Rico Draws Semi-pros

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New York, Aug. 11.—The big league isn't the complete story of baseball. The big city isn't the final answer in living. It is also the calling who make gold which is lady in tournament play—Nebbs, Kansas, Bread, Boston, Brooklyn—and so on and on.

We are all too likely to forget the doubtfulness on which the house is built. And here, also, is usually the big human story. Who makes the game? I can tell you it isn't the finished product. The game comes from the starting point.

America's amazing baseball mushroom, the National Semi-Pro Baseball congress, opens the gates of Wichita's spacious new Lawrence stadium, built especially for the congress, to the 32 leading semi-pro teams of the nation.

The outstanding clubs that have survived the fire of district, state and regional competition during late June and July, will compete at Wichita this season not only for the $2,000 cash first prize and the glory of winning the official national championship, but also for the right to represent the United States in the American series at San Juan, Puerto Rico, September 7-11.

For the first time in history semi-professional baseball is moving into international circles on a permanent basis. The government of Puerto Rico, after surveying the huge success of the National Semi-Pro Baseball congress in the states, dropped all rules for its season the year, which extends from November until May, when the island in the West Indies is cool and. The culmination of this U. S.-Puerto Rico affiliation will be the American series at San Juan. The island government has declared a holiday for San Juan September 4, when the United States squad arrives at the historic harbor from Wichita.

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OVER 32,000 TEAMS

With the American series a big incentive for semi-pro clubs this year from coast to coast, the series of tournaments was more successful than ever. In all states except Nevada, New Mexico and Tennessee, more than 32,000 teams entered preliminary district events with the winners moving into state play. Titleholders in fourteen states most heavily populated or displaying the most interest in the amateur game will go directly into the United States finals at Wichita. These states include California, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Illinois, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Indiana and Pennsylvania.

A total of 34 other states must qualify champions through regional play with only the winners of the following events eligible for United States competition:

Washington-Oregon; Montana-Idaho; Nevada-Arizona-Utah-New Mexico; Colorado-Wyoming; North Dakota-South Dakota; Minnesota-Iowa; Missouri-Arkansas; Louisiana-Mississippi; Michigan-Wisconsin; Kentucky-Tennessee; Georgia-Florida; Maine-New Hampshire; Vermont-Massachusetts; Connecticut-Rhode Island; Virginia-West Virginia; Delaware-Maryland.

The sixteen clubs emerging from regional play will join the fourteen teams moving in direct to Wichita. These will be augmented by the 1938 national champions, the Buford (Ga.) Bona Allens, and the U. S. runners-up, Enid (Okla.) Refiners to comprise a 32-team field for the national finals at Wichita.

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ALL AGES REPORT

Coming with each club will be men young and old from every walk of life. Some teams are sponsored by national organizations and employ every member of the 18-player teams. Some teams are sponsored by cities, enthusiastic individuals and sportsmen and civic clubs and they will send players to Wichita who are from every occupation. Some will be barbers, some filling station attendants, firemen, grocery clerks, college boys and other walks of life.

The veterans competing at Wichita will be struggling to realize on the glory coming to them in their waning days. They'll also be struggling to hold on to jobs provided them partially through their baseball ability.

For the youngsters it will be a field day. Scouts representing practically every major league club will be on hand to look over the prospects and sign every likely youngster to a contract. The youngsters will be remembering that Freddy Hutchinson, sold for $50,000 and several players to the Detroit Tigers this season, played in the 1937 national tournament for the Tacoma Johnson Paints of Tacoma, Washington. Freddy played in three games for Tacoma as his club finished in a tie for fifth.

The national event, bigger than ever this year, will be held for the fifth consecutive year at Wichita, located ideally in the geographic center of the United States. More than 125,000 spectators are expected to watch the two weeks of play which will be held under the double eliminating, or double defeat, system.

AND HERE COMES SISLER

The National Semi-Pro Baseball congress was originated in 1933 by Raymond Dumont, who was a sporting goods dealer at the time. Dumont's main purpose in organizing the activity was to increase sporting goods sales, but as specialization has been the interest there Dumont devotes his entire time to his post as president of the Congress. George H. Sisler is high commissioner of the congress and works actively at the job. He is called on to make all decisions in case of controversy in any state meet, the national finals or other activities of the organization.

Dumont also has organized all semi-pro umpires, believing that a baseball game is only as good as its officials. Three hundred of arbiters in every state are taught correct fundamentals of the umpire's work.

In the national finals this season several innovations will be used. First, the now-famous automatic home plate duster developed by Dumont will be used. Then the arbiters will wear striped uniforms—green and white suits and white and black trousers to set them apart from teams. In addition the neon-lighted scoreboard not only will feature balls, strikes and outs but also "H" and "E" for hits and errors.

Midland Calcutta Set for Saturday

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Champs Can Cinch 3d Title Tonight

Jack Gilberts, defending champions in the Twin Cities Diamondball league, will be out to clinch their third straight title in a postponed game with the Fred. King team at 7 P. M. today at Dunning lighted field.

Having overcome their big hurdle Wednesday as they beat Fleischmanns to take a two-game lead, the Gilberts need only one more win tonight or Monday against Esthers to end the race.

In a second game at 8:30 P. M. the Jerseys and Local Loans will provide the attraction. Jerseys, who lead the chase for the Mill City leadership, must win tonight to stay ahead.

In Minneapolis tonight the Ewalds and Gathers play each other at 8:30 P. M. at Parade in their final game of the regular season.

Johnny Vollmer will take the mound again tonight against the Kings, whose pitcher will be Norm Bentz.

In the Class B playoff, Rip Floor and Waldorf Paper, who were rained out last Tuesday, will play each other at Dunning B-4 at 6 P. M. This game will find Art Lyman, one of the best of the young pitchers to train on the mound for Rips against Al Bilski of Waldorfs.

Wallace Wins Ring Card Spot

Gordon Wallace, slick-haired boxing stylist from Vancouver, B. C., found a ready place today on the Arne Anderson-Billy Mickle fight card, to be staged by Promoters Harry Lenson and Karl Green at Lexington Park, August 31.

So impressed were Lenson and Green with Wallace's ease in outfoxing Dick Demaree's long reflexed right jab at Lexington ten days ago that they signed him for further appearances in the Twin Cities.

Tired from a long train ride from Calgary, Wallace entered the ring a few hours after his arrival and decisively whipped Demaree, who previously had run up sixteen victories out of eighteen starts in the Twin Cities.

The problem of an opponent for Wallace is still open. Demaree has gotten well acquainted with seventeen prospects in the Northwest before Wallace came along to beat him, so a rival for Wallace may not be found easily.

Arne Anderson, the Swedish heavyweight champion, had returned to Rice Lake, Wis., today after winning his second American fight by a technical knockout in the Minnie Monday night. Anderson will train at Rice Lake for his encounter with Mickle.

Reds Buy Southern Club

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 11.—(AP)—The Cincinnati Reds purchased the Birmingham Barons of the Southern Association today.

Warren C. Giles, general manager of the Reds, announced the purchase after a conference with Ed Barrow, Birmingham club president. The sum paid was not disclosed.

The Birmingham baseball club now is in sixth place in the 8-team, class A-1 association, with a season record of 51 games won and 66 lost.

Irish Politics Invade Even Sports

London, Aug. 11.—(AP)—Irish politics, never dull, have invaded the sports field in an argument that waxes loud, long and at times merry over the shape of a stick.

It began when a special congress of the Irish Camogie association, a Gaelic body, decided to remove the ban on hockey playing by girls' Camogie teams. Technical difference in the two games is the shape of the stick; the Camogie stick looks like a scimitar, the hockey stick is rounded. The political difference is that Camogie girls, in the north at least, are ardent Nationalists.

The Ulster Camogie council talked back with an "emphatic rejection" of the Gaelic group's decision including many phrases like "national ideals." Now there is a movement on foot calling for a national Camogie association.

It started as a private fight but every one can—and has—joined in.

1939 Broken Leg Year in Baseball

New York, Aug. 11.—(AP)—Baseball will probably remember 1939—if as the era of famous sore arms . . . Paul and Dizzy Dean, Schoolboy Rowe, Tommy Bridges, Bob Feller, Mel Harder, Johnny Allen, Carl Hubbell, Hal Schumacher, Clint Brown, Bill Dietrich and Bob Grove. But 1939 has just as certain a lot, the year of broken legs . . . Spud Chandler, Keith Whitehill, Phil Cavarretta, Lou Chiozza, Eddie Miller and Van Lingle Mungo.

Plane Too Risky

Chicago, Aug. 11.—(AP)—Stanley Mack, Cub third baseman, was an aviation enthusiast and even owned his own plane until the late Bill Veeck, then president of the Cubs, ordered him to sell the plane and stay on the ground.

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MARKETS

Hog Top Sinks to $5.90 Here; Cattle Slow, Weak

South St. Paul Livestock Receipts

	Cattle	Calves	Hogs	Sheep	Horses
Today	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yesterday	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Two days ago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Three days ago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Four days ago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Five days ago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Week ago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Year ago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Two years ago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Five years ago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ten years ago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Twenty years ago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Thirty years ago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Forty years ago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sixty years ago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seventy years ago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eighty years ago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ninety years ago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Year ago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Hog trade on the South St. Paul livestock market today opened with values steady to 10 cents lower than Thursday's average. Weights below 200 pounds were generally steady.

The top price for good and choice grade barrows and gilts weighing 200 to 240 pounds slipped to $5.90 a hundredweight, or the lowest since December, 1934. Sows opened steady with offerings weighing 450 pounds down moving at $5.30@5.85. Pigs sold mostly at $4.50 and stags earned $4.00@4.50. Salable supplies of hogs here today were estimated at 4,000 head and total receipts were estimated at 4,300.

In the cattle division slaughter steers opened slow to weak, with medium to good kinds earning $8.00@9.00. She stock was around steady with medium to good heifers turning at $7.50@8.75. Beef cows cashed at $4.75@5.75. Canners and cutters moved at $2.50@4.50 mainly.

Bulls were fully steady and the practical top price was quoted at $6.00. Stockers opened steady with plain selections earning $6.00@7.00. Vealers were steady to strong with the early top price quoted at $10.00. Salable supplies of cattle today were estimated at 2,500 head and total receipts were estimated at 2,550.

In the sheep section the market opened steady on all classes. Good and choice native lambs sold at $8.50. Cull and common kinds earned $6.00@8.50. Good and choice grade ewes made $3.00@3.25. Native feeding lambs turned at $6.50@7.00 mainly. Salable supplies of sheep today were estimated at 1,000 head.

Oil Industry Probe To Begin Next Month

Washington, Aug. 11.—(AP)—Chairman O'Mahoney, Democrat of Wyoming, announced today that the Federal anti-monopoly committee will open an inquiry into the nation's oil industry at hearings beginning the middle of next month.

The agenda for the hearings was agreed upon by the committee at a closed meeting Thursday and O'Mahoney said committee members were "well satisfied" with statements presented by the American Petroleum Institute for the industry.

Foreign Exchange

Foreign exchanges in wholesale amounts as quoted by the foreign department of the First National Bank of St. Paul. Foreign [illegible]

Countries	Today	Wk. Ago
Belgium	[illegible]	[illegible]
Denmark	[illegible]	[illegible]
England	[illegible]	[illegible]
Finland	[illegible]	[illegible]
France	[illegible]	[illegible]
Germany	[illegible]	[illegible]
Greece	[illegible]	[illegible]
Holland	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hungary	[illegible]	[illegible]
Italy	[illegible]	[illegible]
Norway	[illegible]	[illegible]
Poland	[illegible]	[illegible]
Portugal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sweden	[illegible]	[illegible]
Switzerland	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yugoslavia	[illegible]	[illegible]
Canada—		
Buy	[illegible] Disc.	[illegible] Disc.
Sell	[illegible] Prem.	[illegible] Prem.

Rates are nominal only.

Livestock Receipts

At seven principal stockyards [illegible]

	Cattle	Calves	Hogs	Sheep	Horses
Sioux City	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kansas City	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Omaha	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
St. Paul	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Denver	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Year ago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Chicago Market For Hogs Easy

Chicago, Aug. 11.—(AP)—Hog quotations today generally were steady to 10 cents lower than Thursday's average. Prices were at a new five year low. Trade was moderately active and steady on limited cattle supplies. Spring lambs were active, and from 10@15 cents up.

Today's top price for hogs was $5.90. Thursday's average price was $5.99 against $5.08 the previous day, $5.30 a week ago and $7.35 a year ago. Receipts today were estimated there being but 4,000 hogs available for open trade out of a total of 6,000.

The supply of cattle was so small there was little but clean-up trade. Demand for cutter cows was fairly broad.

Native spring lambs sold at $9.00 for packers and were up to $9.15 to small killers. Sheep held about steady.

2 Small Firms Follow Sinclair's Price for Oil

Tulsa, Okla., Aug. 11.—(AP)—Oil executives asserted Thursday night few major purchasers were expected to follow immediately Sinclair Prairie Oil Marketing Co. in a 20-cent a barrel slash in the purchase price of crude.

Two smaller companies, Panhandle Producing & Refining Co. and LaSalle Refining Co., of Wichita Falls, Texas, met the Sinclair price Thursday. Panhandle buys 2,000 barrels daily, LaSalle 1,400.

New York Provisions

New York, Aug. 11.—(AP)—Final steady; [illegible] $4.50@4.55 [illegible] $4.40@4.50. Flour steady; [illegible] $5.10@5.25. Rye spot steady; No. 2 American [illegible] c. c. f. New York, nominal. Wheat futures closed [illegible] New York, [illegible]. Butter steady; No. 2 domestic c. c. f. New York, [illegible]. Eggs steady; receipts, none; [illegible] $21.75; [illegible] $24.25. Cheese steady; Wisconsin [illegible]. Potatoes steady; [illegible]. Poultry, live, steady; [illegible]. Dressed poultry steady; [illegible]. Sugar, raw, steady; [illegible] cost and freight [illegible]. Coffee futures closed [illegible] points net higher. Cocoa futures closed [illegible] points net higher. Cocoa futures closed [illegible] points net higher. Cocoa