

Happ-ings

SPORTS EDITOR

Allen Adding Again To Skypark

Winfield Allen, the man who is turning a once isolated area on Shoals Creek into a real playground, is at it again. Last summer Allen opened the Skypark Golf Course, the only municipal golf course in the Shoals area.

However, he's not satisfied to sit still. Each day he and his helpers are working overtime to have the course in top shape for the opening of golf season this spring. The course has been open all winter to those who are brave enough to fight the elements.

A new look will be featured this year. Allen has planted evergreens around the course, is changing two of his holes to make the course tougher and more convenient, and will have a driving range this summer. Winfield plans to light the driving range so that persons working during the day will have a chance to enjoy it at night.

The Skypark course has the makings of a fine layout. Allen admits that much work still remains to be done, but predicts that his greens will be the best in the area by summer. The nine hole course, with the completion of the two new holes will be a par 36 affair. Two of his holes, Numbers 5 and 6 are as tough as you will find, both ranging around 500 or more yards.

History Of Skypark Real Story

Allen's building of Skypark is a story within itself. Winfield, who left the city shortly after the war and bought the land on Shoals Creek. His first step was to build an airport and start giving GI flying lessons. Next came a big hangar and he soon followed with a stock and bond office. He then built a house. However, he was just getting started and the beach was the next attraction. Then came the bath house and cafe. Last summer it was the golf course and this year an improved course, plus a driving range.

There isn't much telling what will be constructed next at Skypark, but if Winfield continues at his present pace, someday Skypark will truly live up to its name as the playground of the Shoals.

During the summer months, Winfield turns over the running of the golf course to his brother, George, while the man of many occupations goes about his many chores, such as giving flying instructions, boat and plane rides, running the beach and doubling for a cook in the cafe on occasions. Then there's the Saturday night racing program that he conducts. Oh yes, Winfield shoots a pretty fair game of golf. He's still taking about his birds the other day that resulted from a 102-yard nine shot from the rough on number five.

Now His Players Blast At Rupp

Poor old Baron Rupp is having his troubles these days. First Kentucky loses twice to Georgia Tech and now he has a player quitting the squad and blasting Kentucky basketball all in the same voice.

Late gate that way sometimes. However, we don't believe that Laville Puckett is helping himself one bit with his statements. All that he has said probably is true, but most people realize the fact without his getting into the act.

We don't guess that any basketball fan could ask for any two better games than Wednesday night's quarter-finals in the Tennessee Valley Conference tournament at Coffee.

Denham and Hummel, despite the low score, put on a real show in the first game and the victor wasn't determined until the closing minute.

The second game was a real hulk, as Coffee and Moulton staged a dilly. Coffee is always a good team to watch and Moulton is a crowd pleaser, with or lost. The first half was a wild offense show, while the second half was just the reverse.

The Red Devils showed the speed and fast break, while Coffee had real accuracy. Wintry Sanderson put on a real shooting exhibition the first half as he scored 22 points, but the Red Devil's defense tightened up in the second 16 and held the Big Forward scoresless.

At Last, True Definition Of Scribe

This is a choice piece of copy. It's from Pinkie George, the Des Moines wrestling and boxing promoter who recently offered Alan Ameche, Wilson's All-American fullback, \$100,000 to perform on the grand and glorious circuit for one year.

"A newspaperman," he writes, "is a good story about you, that's what he is paid to do. If he doesn't read your stuff anyway, if he writes his stories complete, they are too long. If he condenses them, they are too short. If he takes sides on a subject, he's trying to run things. If he remains silent, he's a coward. If he asks for advice, he's incompetent. If he does not, he's bullheaded. If he doesn't stop to talk, the job has gone to his head. If he does, that's all he has to do anyway. If his suit is pressed, he thinks he's a big shot. It's not, he's less like a sports writer, if he has been on the job for some time, there should be a change. What the heck, I can write as good a happy New Year, can't I?"

Truer words were never spoken.



RECEIVE TROPHY—Members of the Burrell-Slater High School basketball team receiving the NAHSAA season tournament trophy are (l to r)—W. H. Lewis, principal; James McCall, Lee Ois Johnson, Roy Horne, Paul Lambert, Ellis Houston, Joe Napier, Charley Armesad, Furrow, Coak, James Ford, John Humes, Coach J. J. Taylor and vice-president P. H. Wesley.

With Nine-One Record Burrell-Slater Power In North Alabama

The Burrell-Slater High basketball team of Florence has had a relatively successful season thus far with nine games won and one lost.

The single loss was dropped to the Council Training School, Huntsville by a score of 42-41. The North Alabama High School Athletic Association Pre-Season Basketball Tournament championship was won by the Burrell-Slater basketballers by defeating Courtland Colored High School of Trion, Ga., 42-24.

- 4—East End (Rogersville), away.
- 7—Tenn. Valley, away.
- 8—Lakeside (Decatur), away.
- 11—Moulton, away.
- 15—Trenholm, home.
- 17—Selling, home.
- 18—Moulton, home.
- 19—Moulton, home.
- 20—Moulton, home.
- 26—Council Training (Huntsville), home.
- 28—Cheokee, away.
- March 1—Decatur, home.

Umpire Quits Because Of 'Pressure'

PANTUCKET, R. I. (AP)—Jim Duffy was out of the baseball umpiring profession today amid denials by American League President Will Harridge and two members of the ex-arbiters' club of charges of "pressure."

Duffy announced he was quitting Thursday, saying that he had been sent to the International League during the 1954 season after three years in the AL because of "pressure from the Boston Red Sox and the Chicago White Sox."

He added that if he couldn't be in the major leagues he had to quit in the minor leagues.

Duffy, an umpire since 1946, charged he couldn't get back in the American League because President Harridge didn't want "to offend any club owners."

General Managers Frank Lane of Chicago and Joe Cronin of Boston denied pressure of any kind from their respective organizations.

Harridge replied from Chicago that Duffy was "a bit confused" as to why he was not rehired by the AL.

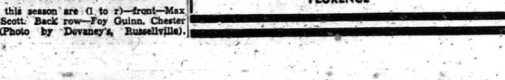
Harridge said the league felt Duffy "did not measure up" to league standards and that "his contentions that pressure by two clubs resulted in his release is utterly ridiculous and completely untrue."

Horses Give Him Indigestion

BALTIMORE (AP)—Baltimore plainclothesman Edwin Taylor and John Cunningham reported that on a routine check of a poolroom yesterday they saw the operator throw out a scratch sheet and a bookmaking slip.

The poolroom man's dog immediately began eating up the evidence, they said. However, they managed to salvage enough to show \$33 in payoffs and \$26 in horse plays.

There are more than 25,000 species of birds in the world.



ELGREEN QUINCY—Members of the Belgreen basketball team this season are (l to r)—Frank Mack, H. H. Tompkins, Charles E. Hester, Joe Founders and Bill Scott. Back row—Roy Quinn, Chester Wagner, Jerry Bragwell, Jerry Don Duncan and Coach Creel.—(Photo by Dovey's, Russellville).

Without Puckett 'Cats Rebound, Sink Gators

By ED WILKS
The Associated Press
Kentucky Coach Adolph Rupp has himself a vote of player confidence today, whether he needs it or not.

The controversy involving Laville Puckett, starting guard on the Louisville team, was settled when Rupp, No. 1 team in the Associated Press college basketball poll, left home tonight.

Puckett got off a starting shot about basketball being a matter of life or death on the Lexington campus. That left the question of whether Puckett was the only player out of step with Rupp.

The question was answered last night as Kentucky rolled over Florida 97-61 in what Rupp termed the "Wildcats' best effort in 15 games."

Kentucky worked smoothly and with team finesse. It was 45-35 at the half and the Wildcats—who dropped both games to Georgia Tech at the foul line—hit on 27 of 33 free throw attempts.

Paul Graesser led the assault with 20 points. Bob Burrow, just recovered from a sinus infection, chipped in 16, as did Captain Billy Evans.

Puckett's replacement Gayle Ross scored 12 in his first starting job. Jerry Bird, the other starter, also hit for 12.

All in all, a very neat job for Kentucky's 12th victory in 15 games.

Florida, incidentally, was fresh from an upset of Alabama, the Southeastern Conference leader, Kentucky in No. 2 in the region.

In other scores, George Washington, No. 7 nationally, knocked off hunting Furlan 71-41 after a score; fifth-ranked Utah won No. 16 with an 81-49 job on Los Angeles State.

State, and Dayton, No. 18, disputes of the second half, and it was only the great floor work of 6-6 Joe Pefevich that enabled George Washington to rally.

White Sox Make Big Offer For Tigers' Porter

CHICAGO (AP)—A \$100,000 offer by the Chicago White Sox to the Detroit Tigers for outfielder H. V. Porter has been refused by Sox General Manager Frank Lane.

The Sox signed Porter in 1950 for a reported \$65,000 bonus but sent him to the St. Louis Browns in 1952 in a deal for outfielder Jim Rivera.

The Browns traded Porter to Detroit and he is due to report to the Tigers this month after military service.

Lane said he made the \$100,000 offer to Spive Briggs, Detroit owner, in New York last Sunday.

Pairings Listed For Lawrence Meet

MOULTON (Special)—Hilton and ML Hope will clash in the opening round of the Lawrence County basketball tournament which will get underway Tuesday Saturday night, February 8, at Courtland Junior High School gym.

Speake will meet the winner of the Hatton-Mt. Hope game Thursday night.

Friday night's semi-finals pitting Moulton and Town Creek, with the winner facing the Hatton-Mt. Hope.

Speake victors in the final round.

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