

Texas Boxers Seek BB Title In Pacific Area

The TEXAS varsity boxing team, aiming for the battleship division title, has stepped into an intensive training program in preparation for its forthcoming return match with the Mississippi fighters, considered one of the strongest teams in the BB group.

The newly organized T-men recently dropped a close decision to the ring-wise Mississippi outfit. It was the first competitive match for the TEXAS since she weighed anchor at Pearl Harbor some months ago and subsequently headed for assaults on Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

But since then, the TEXAS has failed to be represented in fleet boxing bouts, and Coach Stauffer, Marine First Lieutenant, says, "for no longer". Putting his seven-man team through the paces, he predicts his fighters soon will be in trim condition for all comers, and promises to recapture the Iron Man, coveted by naval boxing teams.

Recently Texas men were treated to professional boxing tid-bits by Gus Lesnevich, world lightweight champion who, with his sparring partner, boarded the TEXAS for an exhibition bout.

Representing the Mighty 'T' in the ring for the present are: Jim Dunn of Camden, N. J.; Billy Mills of Plainview Texas; Vernon Davis of Thomasville, Ga.; Chet Shepherd of Washington, D.C.; Ike McClinton also of Washington, D.C.; Paul Sunday of Peru, Ind. and Hoe Ball of English-ton, N. J.



Top Row (l. to r.): Lester Powell, A.D. Pollard, Ike McClinton, Bill Mills, Joe Ball, Bernie Ross, Red Sunday. Bottom Row: Mickey McCormack, Tony Pepitone, Chick McCann, Jim Dunn, Vernon Davis.

Tribe Star



AMONG the outstanding rookies on the Cleveland roster this year is the catcher, Henry (Hank) Ruzskowski, former sandlot star. Ruzskowski, who is expected to go into the Army soon, has caught most of the Tribe games to date. He hit .273 for Wilkes-Barre last season.

"SHOE" STAR LOSES MATCH

Met on the Coral Courts of the Officers Club are the horse-shoe pitching officers of the TEXAS, hotly contesting the right to wear the mythical title of 'King Hoss Shoe'.

The latest report received announced the defeat of Lt. (jg) Al Kritz, obstreperous determinant of the tournament, by Lt. (jg) Charles Stegman. This was Al's first match of the contest because of a bye gained in round one.

Leading contestants still remaining in play are Lts. Raymond Bower, Henry Brandis, and Russell Clough. The odds, at the moment, are slightly in favor of "Rusty" Clough, who has thrown championship shoes all season. There are, however, a few dark horses that may gain the necessary momentum at tie quarter turn.

QUIZ

WHEN was the first major league all-star baseball game played and where?

ANSWER: In Chicago, in 1933.

SPORTS SPUTTERING

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\$100 TALK

THIS little tale was told to us by someone who heard it from someone else. . . . Anyway, before the Derby Arcaro ran across one of the New York photographers "hovering" the big race. . . . They were friends and Eddie figured the N. Y. photog had a bad day at the races. . . . Eddie gave the photog \$100 and said, "Here, get yourself even on the Derby." . . . Eddie's mount was Hoop, Jr., and a good one. . . . Hoop, Jr., went off at 7-2 and \$100 on the nose would have brought the photog something over \$350. . . . But the photog had ideas of his own. . . . He liked Hoop, Jr. And he bet on Jeep, not on Hoop. . . . Well, Hoop won, Jeep ran fifth. . . . The photog hopes he doesn't meet up with Arcaro for, if he does, he'll have to tell a tall tale about a horse—he didn't have.

FOOTBALL

THREE ex-grd stars now serving in the Army Air Forces will aid Maj. Ed L. Walker in coaching the 1945 Second Air Force Superbomber squad. . . . The three are Capt. Paul N. Hug, former Tennessee end; Lt. Billy Sewell, former Washington State halfback, and Lt. Dan Stavely, former Denver U. lineman.

BASEBALL EXECUTIVE

BILL BENSZWANGER, president of the Pittsburgh club, has been at the helm of the Pirates for 13 years. . . . Born in New York City, Benszwanger has lived in Pittsburgh since he was five years old. . . . Music was his chief interest for many years, he serving as music critic for New York magazines for a time and then as a note compiler for the Pittsburgh symphony orchestra. . . . He was in the insurance business when he was named a vice president of the club in 1931.

GLAD TO MITT YOU

THERE'S A MOVE on foot to appoint a high commissioner for boxing.

A czar of boxing would have to work hard in glove with the fighters.