

Charley's Chatter

By Charley Ross

Backus to Fight Ramos in Syracuse

Professional boxing is slowly returning to the Syracuse scene where Carmen Ramos and Billy Backus are scheduled to meet at the War Memorial with enough leather to start a glove factory.

Billy Backus, whose uncle feels he has a good start toward a shot at the welterweight championship, will meet Juan Ramos of Astoria, N. Y. in a 10-rounder on Feb. 10 in the Syracuse jab plant. Billy's uncle has been working regularly with the Canastota welterweight and we're sure that when "Uncle Carmen" imparts pugilistic advice to his protegee it isn't done in the atmosphere of a classroom session in biology.

We can just hear the ex-welter and middleweight champ snap "Hook, hook, hook" or "Body, body, body" at his nephew whom he has been grooming since his retirement from the ring. It was Esalioo crumpling left hooks to the stomach or jaw and body-punching that carried him to the two world titles and if there was a more vicious left hook thrown we have yet to see it.

Backus, according to our informant in the Salt City, feels he is ready to take on all comers and it is "Now or Never" in his quest for a championship. He is presently working on a winning streak of six straight knockouts and hopes to make Ramos, the former Puerto Rican champion, No. 7.

Ramos is trained and managed by Lee Black and works out daily with Carlos Ortiz, present lightweight champ, who is also managed by Black. Ramos has won 18 professional fights, lost seven and drawn in five. He has beaten Grey Gavin, former AAU champion, in a main bout in New York City. A busy, walk-in fighter, Ramos will provide a real test to Backus' ring skill since both boys have beaten the highly-rated Gene Herrick and are closely matched.

In his last Syracuse appearance (Nov. 24), Backus knocked out Curtis Phillips of New York City before more than 1,500 fans in the War Memorial. Ten days after his Syracuse win, Backus stopped Herrick, New England welter and middleweight title holder, scoring a TKO in six rounds of a scheduled 10-rounder at Portland, Maine.

The Boxing Club is rounding up the remainder of the undercard and expects to bring at least 32 rounds of professional boxing to the Syracuse ring the night of Feb. 10.

Reds Lose Last Chance at Title

The Newark Reds are apparently proving a poor road club this season. They've won only one game on the road at this writing and if they want to get into the Wonderful Sectionals they'd better win one more unless they want to prolong the agony and force their fans to follow them to a neutral court. The only game that matters now is the return meeting at Lyons on March 8.

Coach Gary Miller's lads fouled up any chances they had of creating a little excitement in the Wayne-Finger Lakes Conference by stumbling before the Penn Yan Mustangs last Saturday night. The Reds had beaten Penn Yan without working up too much perspiration in the Newark engagement, but the trip to the Yates County community proved disastrous. The Reds were the only club with a chance of forcing a possible triple tie for first place in the Conference. They have return shots with Geneva High and Mynderse Academy and though those schools will automatically rule top-heavy favorites to repeat their victories here, Newark still had that one chance.

It's now Geneva and Mynderse all the way with only a blizzard standing in their way as co-champions. We see nothing on the horizon to mar the 15-1 records which the Panthers and Blue Devils will sport after March 8.

300's Come in Pairs for Some

Some bowlers go a lifetime without rolling a 300 game. Some roll them in pairs.

When Dick Stoeffler tossed a pair of 300 games on Jan. 4 he became the sixth man with consecutive perfect games. He performed the feat at Kona Lanes, Costa Mesa, Calif. Stoeffler, general manager of Kona Lanes and a TV announcer, opened his 825 series with a 225 game.

Three of the previous double 300's each came on successive games in one league session. Frank Caruana did it first in Buffalo, on March 5, 1924. Bill Flynn of Cleveland was next with his pair on Feb. 24, 1960 and Ernie Babcock of Detroit joined the list on Jan. 15, 1962.

John Bomba of Bayonne, N. J. had a pair on Jan. 9, 1950 in a 6-game singles tournament, a year and a half before ABC began sanctioning doubles and singles events. Tony Krentz of St. Louis also turned the trick, as the third game in one league and the first game in the league that followed immediately, on April 22, 1967.

Jack Almer of Youngstown, Ohio, Charley Daw and Hank Marino of Milwaukee and Bob Briarton of Detroit also had two 300's in the same league session, but not in succession.

A claim for "youngest 300 shooter" honors went up Jan. 13 at Milwaukee's Echo Bowl. In a practice game on one lane, 12-year-old Dale Meserbrink lined up 12 straight strikes. The 5-4, 180-pound seventh grader has a junior league average of 136. However, with a new ball his dad gave him for Christmas, he's been averaging close to 170.

Free Ride on Sports Merry-Go-Round

Elmer Roets picked the 7-10 split while rolling with the Millers in the Tri-Town Bowling League. It was the first 7-10 picked in the eight years the league has been organized. Fred Durkin, former Newark senior high school faculty member, is serving with an Army artillery unit in South Vietnam. He still manages to keep in shape by doing road work when he has the free time. The Marion Central School basketball team averaged 71 points a game on offense through the first nine games. The Black Knights also averaged 71 points a game on defense. They had scored 638 points and yielded 638 points. If the pro gridder doesn't look out, professional hockey will blow them off the TV screen. Tom Coughlin of Waterloo, Syracuse U. backfield star, is being oiled by NCSS as a football assistant. Pete Sollene scored two baskets against Lew Alcindor's JCLANS in Madison Square Garden last Saturday night. Big Bob Parsons of Sodas turned in a tremendous game in a losing cause at Palmyra last Friday. The 6-7 center played the full 32 minutes despite a recent illness that sent him to the hospital. If there had been any talent scouts in the Pal-Mac gym they would have lost little time questioning the judge's son on his college intentions. Parsons even brought the ball downcourt on occasions to prove his versatility on the floor. We wouldn't say it was smart strategy but someone had to "take charge" for the Spartans.

Newark, Victor Collide Friday In Loop Contest

Stunned by their loss at Penn Yan last Saturday night, the Newark Reds will strive to get it back at the expense of Victor this Friday night on the Victor court.

Coach Gary Miller's drabblers hold a 73 to 66 victory over Newark and will have to be at their best if they hope to make it two in a row over the Blue Devils who came on fast in the Newark meeting before running out of time. Newark suffered a 68-63 loss at Penn Yan on Saturday night. The loss was unexpected in that the Reds had handsily disposed of the Mustangs, 61 to 43, on opening night.

The Reds are averaging just under 60 points a game offensively and 56 plus defensively. Victor is averaging 60 points on offense and 58 on defense.

Ralph Nash is Newark's top scorer with 160 points followed by Dick Rago with 142 points. Tom Scoda is Victor's leading pointmaker with 165 points followed by Jim Dalley with 117, Craig Norton with 94 and Dick Crowley with 98.

Newark is 6-3 and Victor 4-5 in the standings.

Center Lists Daily Events

Thursday — Sixerettes practice, 3:30 p.m.; Folk Craft Club, 4 p.m.; Men's Basketball League, two games, 7 p.m.

Friday — Midgets basketball, 3:30 p.m.; Boys Rifle Club, 3:30 p.m.; dance classes, 7 p.m.; all children from eight years through 12 are welcome to attend, open play in gym, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday — Pee Wee basketball, 9 a.m.; Midget basketball league, 10 a.m.; (two games); Sodas Midget and Junior Boys team play Newark boys, 1:15 p.m.; Newark Midgetettes and Centerettes play at North Rose school gym, leave 12:30 p.m.; Craft classes, 3 p.m.; open play in gym, 7 p.m.

Monday — Juniorettes basketball, 3:30 p.m.; Men's volleyball league, four matches, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday — Girls' trampoline, 3:30 p.m.; junior boys basketball league, two games, 7 p.m.; Newark Craft Club, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday — Junior Boys basketball league, one game, 7 p.m.; Centerettes practice, 3:30 p.m.; Men's basketball league, game 8:30 p.m.

There will be ice skating every night weather permitting.

Lakers, Hawks Capture Midget League Victories

With three players scoring in double figures, the Lakers trounced the 76ers, 51 to 17, in a Midget League contest in the Center gym.

Jim Westbrook led the offense with 21 points followed by Walt Hallagan and John Santoro with 10 points apiece. Dave Pulver netted eight for the losers.

The Lakers raced to a 14-2 first period lead on Santoro's three layups and a pair by Westbrook and made it 21-7 at the intermission. Westbrook drove in for four baskets in the third and closed with two in the fourth to capture scoring honors.

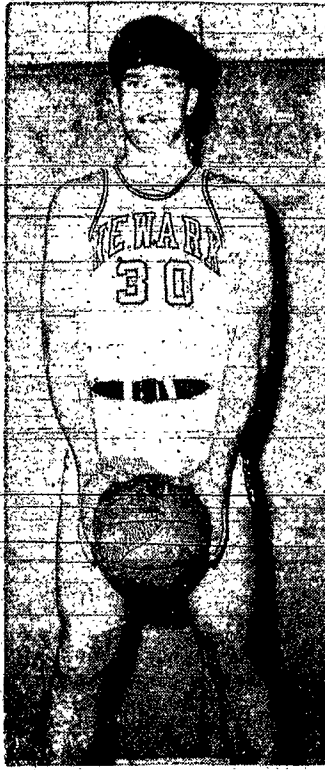
The Hawks outlasted the Royals, 28 to 25, in the second game as Mike Tanea tallied 16 points and Gary Arend 10 to pace the attack. Jeff Peters scored 14 and Dave Comstock nine for the losers.

The Royals took an 8-4 first period edge on Comstock's three hoops but the Hawks flurried with 12 points in the second to take an 18-17 halftime advantage. The two clubs didn't do anything on the scoring side in the third except for a 3-point effort by Arend with Tanea driving in for three baskets and Arend one to offset the four hoops by Peters in the final stanza.

Center Class Works On Piggy Bank Project

The community Center craft class held its regular session Saturday afternoon with seven boys and girls working on a 2-week project on piggy banks.

Under the supervision of Miss Mary Lou Erb, girls' supervisor, the group made piggy banks out of empty cloxor bottles.



JOHN LANGENSTEIN



TOM MUSCOLINO

Wayne-Lakes Conference

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS
Penn Yan 68, Newark 63
Canandaigua 56, Victor 53
Geneva 69, Mynderse 53
Lyons 65, Waterloo 59

GAMES FRIDAY
DeSales at Mynderse Newark at Victor
Waterloo at Penn Yan Geneva at Lyons

STANDINGS

	W	L	PF	PA
Geneva	8	1	682	494
Mynderse	8	1	595	500
Newark	6	3	535	508
Lyons	5	4	580	583
Victor	4	5	537	615
Penn Yan	4	5	512	563
DeSales	2	6	490	569
Waterloo	2	7	558	546
Canandaigua	1	8	516	623

Jerry Leach Lines High 631 Series In League Match

Jerry Leach lined a 631 series on 207, 202 and 222 games to lead the rollers to a sweep over the Rotary entry in the Twin County League.

A 211-565 by Walt Fagner led the Flying A to a 3-1 win over the Wahls and in other matches the Albrechts lost three to Hydesville, the Bilottas took three from the Scotts, the Blankenbergs dropped three to the Aways and the Norsens copped three from Newark Market.

Top six: Hydesville 58 1/2, Albrechts 52, Rollers 49 1/2, Norsens 49 1/2, Wahls 48 1/2, Flying A 48.

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Bill Tanea Nets 36 Points in Dusty Loop Win

Bill Tanea stored 36 points to lead Mutual Benefit Lute to a 6-0 win over the Zappias in a Dusty League game in the Community Center gym.

Steve Thompson chipped in with 11 for the winners who rallied for 13 points in the final period to shade their opponents. The Zappias jumped to a 23-16 first period lead on Marv Ottod's four buckets and a pair each by Keith Carr and Rick VanNorman but the Mutuals countered with a 19-12 second quarter to go ahead, 37 to 35, on Tanea's five hoops and two free throws.

The Zappias went ahead by a 56-51 count in the third on Ottod's four jumpers and two shots each by Carr and Bill Bumpus but couldn't hold it as their foes rallied for 13 points on Thompson's three jump shots and a pair of layups by Tanea to clinch the outcome.

Ottod finished with 20 points followed by Carr with 13 and Duane Lynn VanNorman and Bumpus with eight apiece.

The Lyons Merchants belted General Dynamics, 105 to 48, to remain undefeated. Frank Lisco poured 40 points through the hoops with Tom Pullen listing 24, Rod Neely and Joe Armitz 17 apiece.

In the other game the Stuarts shaded Arcadia Oil, 63 to 60, on a 20-point effort by Ray Fischette and 13 point returns each by Bob DeJohn and Gary Grant. Mike D'Augustine topped the losers with 15 points.

Abbotts Retain Lead in Women's Bowling League

The Abbotts lost three points to the Newark-Service Centers but still cling to first place in the Independent League.

Mary Best had a 498 for the Centers who moved within 10 points of first place. The Old World Motel five copped three from Northside to cut the Abbotts' lead to eight points. Leona Albrecht was high with a 487 series.

In other pairings the Burnwells lost three to the Blondells, Marvin's Bootery shut out B&J and the Fresh Silkers took three from the Dalleys.

Split pickers included Pat Arnold 5-10, Shirley Clark 3-10, Myrtle Fagner 6-7-10, Dorothy Albrecht 2-7, Leona Albrecht 3-10 (twice), Bonnie Gulick 2-7, Marge Collins 2-7 and Beatrice Cornwell 5-6-10 and 5-7-9. Standings: Abbotts 72, Old World Motel 64 and Service Centers 62.

Les Nichols Rolls Perfect Game Saturday

Lester Nichols of Port Gibson rolled a 300 game as a member of the Port Gibson Fire Department Team No. 1 at the San Bowl Lanes in Clifton Springs Saturday night.

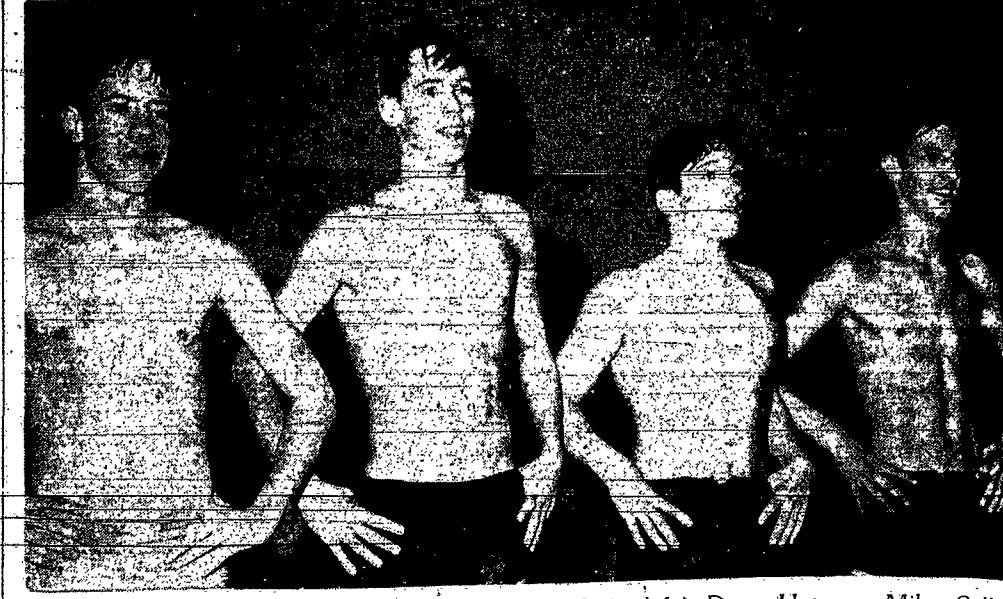
It was the first perfect game of the season at the lanes. Nichols, rolling in the leadoff spot, had opened with 170 and 145 games to finish with a 615 set.

He received \$300 from the proprietor and will be eligible for ABC prizes. Nichols and his team were rolling in a makeup match. He is employed at Garlock, Inc., Palmyra.

19 Girls Report for Lessons on Trampoline

Nineteen girls reported for the weekly trampoline class Tuesday at the Newark Community Center.

Miss Mary Lou Erb, girls' supervisor, provided instruction in a knee-front combination with five girls using jump ropes while on the trampoline.



SWIM FOR NEWARK — Members of the Newark Central School swimming team are (from left) Dave Hannan, Mike Collins, David De Felice and Rick Huston.

Penn Yan Defeats Newark, 68 to 63

By DAVID HANNAN (High Times Sports Writer)

The Penn Yan Academy Mustangs jumped to an early lead over the Newark Reds last Saturday evening and an hour and a half later, after 120 points more had swished through the hoops, the final whistle sounded with the Mustangs holding a 68-63 lead.

The Reds remain in third place with a 6-3 record, two full games behind the Wayne-Finger Lakes leaders, Geneva and Mynderse, each with an 8-1 record. Penn Yan, a squad which Newark had beaten by a 61-43 margin on Nov. 24, climbed into a tie with fifth place Victor.

Pat Chapman paced the victors with 26 points while Mike Miller tossed in 16 and Brian Legg had 11 for the Mustangs. Dick Rago made 12-field goals to lead the Reds with 24 points. Rick Gravino and Ralph Nash also hit the double figures with 14 and 12, respectively.

The opening moments of the first period saw Legg dump in a pair of foul shots and Miller pump in a layup to gain a 4-0 lead. Nash made a jumper good but Chapman countered with a layup. A foul shot by Nash gave Newark its third point before Chapman drove for another layup to make it 8-3. By the close of the period there was a 6 point, 19-13, difference.

Gravino hit for four set shots from the left side of the court in the second period as Newark narrowed the lead. At one point, the Reds gained a 28-25 advantage only to trail by a point at halftime.

Penn Yan grabbed the center tap as the second half began and Chapman took it in for a layup. The Mustangs made it 39-32 before Rago started popping in jump shots from the keyhole area. The Newark senior made five of his 12 field goals in the third period, and added four in the final quarter to keep the game within reach.

However, with only one period remaining, the Mustangs held a 52-50 advantage. It was 60-54 with 4:40 remaining in the game but the Reds closed the hiatus as Rago stole the ball.

Center Teams Engage Sodas, NR Clubs Feb. 3

The Sodas midget and junior boys basketball teams will engage the Newark midgets and juniors Saturday at 1:15 p.m. in the Center gym.

The Newark Midgetettes and Centerettes will meet the North Rose lassies in the North Rose gym this Saturday at 1 p.m.

HOOP SESSIONS
The Pee Wee and Midget basketball teams will hold their regular Saturday morning sessions in the Community Center gym starting at 9 a.m.

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