

CROSSFIRE

By LOU CHIESI

Havana Would be Better

The selection of Miami Beach for the third scuffle between Floyd Patterson and Inggo Johanson for the heavyweight championship of the world seems appropriate. After all, many of the nation's choicest skills and phonies already are in the neighborhood betting on the horses at Hialeah around March 20 when the fight is scheduled.

And the usual array of sharpies is sunbathing in the neon lights of Miami Beach's pastel hotels at that time. Not to mention the dog track crowd.

Perhaps, however, the promoters didn't move the fight far enough south. Havana would have been ideal. All might be forgiven if Castro could lure the fight mob to Havana and then intern them.

SENATOR ESTES Kefauver, who has been asking the boxing brethren some embarrassing questions of late, probably could induce Congress to award Fidel a medal and a larger sugar quota he negotiates.

But, the affair will be staged in the Miami Beach Convention Hall, with prices ranging from \$20 to \$100. A take of about a million dollars is anticipated, at the rate that is. Something like \$3 million more will be extracted from closed circuit television and movie rights.

There has been no consistent clamor for a third match between Patterson and Johanson, but the drums will beat and chances are people will become excited about the thing before long.

THE BUILDUP may serve a useful purpose. Perhaps there'll be less of the usual spring training nonsense from the boxing press. There'll be less of the usual "But, fight or not, we'll be hearing out of Miami, Fla., and that's that" again look like pennant contenders. Nothing can change that.

Sen. Kefauver could blitz the beach, though. Should the senator schedule a hearing of his committee investigating boxing for March in Miami Beach, the fight fraternity would avoid the place like the plague. They don't like people who ask questions.

The Miami Beach environment may prove too glittering for Inggo. All those bathing beauties may disconcert the Swede. It's no secret that after his surprise loss to Patterson in their first encounter, Johanson lived it up big—particularly in Hollywood. In Miami Beach there will be plenty to see.

PATTERSON, on the other hand, endures the life of a man who while in training, his keeper, Gus D'Amato—and hasn't it been heard about Gus?—may set up training camp for Patterson in the Dry Tortugas. The government is trying to promote the Dry Tortugas, a deserted island chain some 60 miles off Key West, as a tourist attraction.

Perhaps Patterson would draw some people to the place where they sent Dr. Samuel Muehlenstein that business about Abraham Lincoln and John Wilkes Booth. The doctor, you may remember, was ministered to the fleeing Mr. Booth.

A Patterson camp in the Dry Tortugas would draw at least a few hundred of the curious to Fort Jefferson in the future could serve either of two purposes: the one for a fourth Patterson-Johansson match or a penal colony for the victims of Sen. Kefauver's investigation of boxing. In either instance, the fight boys may as well escape the place.

INGEMAN'S training quarters undoubtedly will be in the highest penthouse on the beach. Ingeman can watch the sunbathers on adjoining rooftops while punching the bag.

The Miami Beach soiree at least will offer one change of pace. At the heavy-weight title fights up north, one views the same set of dirty shirts when the crowd mob congregates at ringside.

In Miami Beach, the fight undoubtedly will appear in pastel tracks and Hawaiian sports shirts. Their lady friends may be wearing rabbit over slacks and halters.

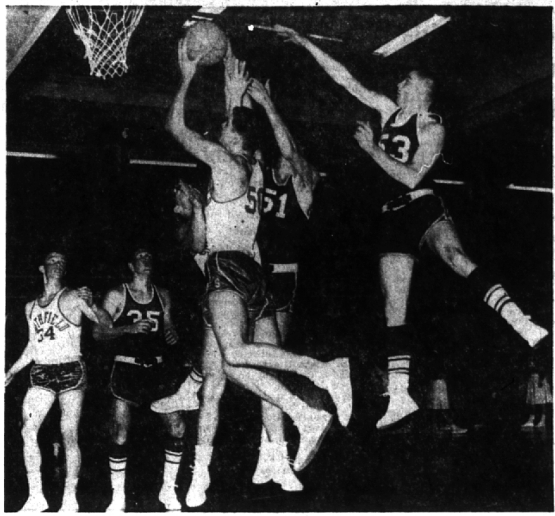
A big heavyweight title fight draws the most interesting specimens from everywhere. Wanna bet Floyd Sinks, Sammy Davis Jr., Dean Martin and the gang show up?

THE RECENT TRADE which sent Harvey Kuenen to the San Francisco Giants from Cleveland for pitcher John Antonelli, outfielder Willie Kirkland and infielder Andre Rodgers may be the first step in reducing the number of Negro players on the San Francisco squad. Alvin Dark, the Giants' new manager, is from Louisiana, incidentally.

There were times last season when the Giants' team on the field had six or seven Negroes. Such things are talked about in locker rooms but not in the public prints.

Kirkland and Rodgers are Negroes.

It's never too sure an outfielder may encounter trouble in Candlestick Park, baseball's "Cave-of-Winds." The Giants' diastolic disk strange things with ordinary fly balls. Harvey may return to the infield with the Giants.



The Big Stretch

Seaholm and Southfield cagers grab for mutes look on in last Tuesday night's contest. Seaholm rolled on to its first victory of the season, 77-76.

Meet the Coach: Ed Wichert, Sage of Bloomfield Hills

By JOE CADARIU Sports Editor

Ed Wichert is an oddity among present-day coaches. He wants his athletes to be students. And good ones at that. The 5-10, 150-pounder is in his first year as head basketball coach at Bloomfield Hills High School.

Wichert teaches five classes in Mathematics besides coaching. When asked how the athletes react to him in the classroom, he said, "They know what I expect of them."

"I treat them like any other student. Often I expect more from them. I feel that if an athlete works hard in the classroom, he'll work equally as hard on the basketball floor."

"A GOOD STUDENT isn't necessarily a good athlete, but on the other hand, most good athletes learn to apply themselves in the classroom."

Wichert continued his comments on athletics and education. "Our players are all sharp students, which reflects not only on themselves and the school, but also their parents."

"The team may not be doing too well now, but we'll improve. And soon, the community will have one of the finest basketball squads in this area."

"And one could almost take his word for it."

HIS CAREER began with a de-Village Hustlers Beat Clawson 5, 144-54

The Bloomfield Village Hustlers sparked to a 144-54 victory over the Guardian Angels' Teen Club of Clawson last week in one of the hottest shooting meets of the season.

Bill Olmstead led the Hustlers with a total of 74 points. Teammates Ken Skover notched 30 points, Pat O'Connor, 14, and brothers Mike and Gary McFigure, 14 and 10.

Top scorer for the Clawson squad was Chuck Malley with 20 points.

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ree in physical education from Central Michigan University in 1952. Wichert also minored in Mathematics. The two subjects have been combinations which he has taught in Battle Creek, Benzonia, Clio, Elkton, and now at Bloomfield Hills.

After being graduated from college, Wichert joined a semi-pro baseball team in International Falls, Minn., near the Canadian became a star for the Cleveland Indians.

Wichert is quick with a smile, but once a game has started, he's all business. "Naturally," he said, "winning is the important thing in any sport. But, I want my athletes to learn to play together. That's the big thing in basketball."

Athletes usually hang a nickname on their coach. But Wichert doesn't think they have given him one. Or if they have he hasn't heard it yet. He said that Director of Athletics Don Hoff is sometimes called "Papa Bear," because of his soft, so it may be apropos to call him "Baby Bear."

Wichert was born in Elkton, Miss., but went to school in neighboring Picon. Both are in the "Thumb" area of the state.

DURING THE summer, he works as a recreation instructor. "I like to work with kids," he said. "If I didn't I wouldn't be doing it."

The coach has three children of his own. He and his wife, Mary Lou, met while both were studying at Central Michigan. They've been married eight years, and have two boys, 7 and 4, and a daughter 7 months.

"I'll have a busy holiday season," he said. "First, I have to take my two boys to the hospital and have their tonsils removed. Then, I have four or five practice games scheduled for the team. They're going to have to run off those big holiday meals."

While on this squad, he was called upon to relieve the starting pitcher. His team lost, 6-2, but he got one hit. Wichert says it was his highest hit. The opposing pitcher was Herb Score, who later

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Maples Smash Southfield For First Victory, 77-56

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Huge Harry (Hap) Dunne had his finest night last week Tuesday, as he scored 26 points to lead Seaholm to its first victory of the season. They knocked-out a winless Southfield squad, 77-56.

It was also Coach Lew Parry's finest night, as his rebuilding program at the school finally bore fruit.

The fast-breaking Maples jumped off to a quick lead, outscoring Southfield in the first quarter 27-8. Dunne played a deep pivot position and was fed frequently by his teammates.

Recreation Round-Up

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE: The Senior High New Year's Eve Dance, sponsored by the Community House and Recreation Department will be held Saturday from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Committees composed of students from Seaholm and High School have been working on the program during the past three weeks. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Grinnell's or at the door. Al Matheson and his orchestra will provide the music. Party favors will be distributed at the door and refreshments will be served throughout the evening. Co-chairmen for the dance are Patty Mason and Hap Dunne.

SAT. SWIMMING CLASSES: Deadline for registration for the second series of children's swimming classes is Friday, Dec. 29. Classes are open to elementary boys and girls residing in the city and school district of Birmingham. Fees are \$2.50 for swimming and \$3 for diving. Classes will begin Jan. 1.

LADIES SLIM TRIM: Registration is open in the Recreation Center for second series of ladies slim-trim classes which will begin Jan. 11. Classes are held at Torry School on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 8. Fee for ten sessions is \$5.

THERAPEUTIC SWIMMING: Therapeutic swimming for the physically handicapped is held each Wednesday at Barnum pool from 7 to 8. Registration fee is \$5 for ten sessions.

TEEN CENTER: The next Teen Center meeting is scheduled for Jan. 13 at the YMCA from 9:30 to 12. The dance music will be furnished by a new band featuring Ken Pool at the piano, Jerry Steve with his electric guitar and John Weston at the drums. Membership cards may be purchased at the door.

SENIOR MEN'S CLUB: The Senior Men's Club Dec. 23 meeting opened with the emphasis on Christmas and closed with an inspirational sermon on the spirit of Christmas by the Rev. Dr. Engerman of the Presbyterian church of Birmingham. Dr. Engerman was introduced by Earl Roy who is a charter member of the Phi Kappa Tau, a Greek fraternity which originated in Ohio and of which Dr. Engerman is also a member.

Leo Hendrick of Saginaw was introduced as a guest by Patrick Henry. Happy birthday were sung for Arthur Shattuck and other members.

Tresscott Henshaw is celebrating his 40th wedding anniversary. Applications for membership were approved for Norman McCuen, H. J. Pritchard, Charles Wilson and George Schoeneman.

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Bearden's 23 Not Enough, Falcons Fall

Clawson led Groves at half-time by only three points. But in the second half, Clawson scored 33 points while the Falcons netted only 15. Clawson won the wild contest, 76-46, last Tuesday at home.

Mike Bearden of Groves led all scorers with 23 points on eight baskets and seven free throws. This was a personal high for Bearden and he established a school all-time high.

The game was tight throughout the first half with the lead exchanged many times. But the superior rebounding of Clawson in the second session resulted in a pasting for the Falcons.

WITH THE LOSS to Clawson, Groves record now stands at one win and three losses. They beat Cherry Hill in the second game of the season.

Twice before they had reached that total, but unusually enough their low total for the season, 40, resulted in the win over Cherry Hill.

Next game for Groves will be Jan. 10, against Lamphiere, at home. Reserve game begins at 8:30.

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